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PROCEEDINGS.

THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY met in annual session at Christian Chapel, on Sixth street, between Smith and Mound streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday afternoon, October 23, 1860, at 2 o'clock.

The President, Alexander Campbell, took the chair, and called to his aid D. S. Burnet, Vice-President.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The names of members, including life directors, life members, annual members, and delegates from churches and State meetings, were then enrolled; and contributions of churches and individuals were paid over by the delegates to the Corresponding Secretary. The following are the names enrolled:

KENTUCKY—Thos. N. Arnold, Covington; R. Milligan, Harrodsburg; J. Rogers, Carlisle; J. B. McGinn, Paducah; R. C. Rice, Eminence; J. B. Bowman, Cane Run, Mercer Co.; Z. F. Smith, Lexington; P. B. Wiles, Elizaville; Mrs. M. A. Rogers, Carlisle; J. W. Crumbaugh, Georgetown; H. W. Varnam and lady, Georgetown; Wm. Van Pelt, Jr., Lexington; D. Clark, Maysville; B. Kirk, Washington, Mason Co.; M. Hildreth, America Hildreth, Sallie Logan, Clintonville; Dr. A. Calloway, Paducah; J. Robinson, A. Adams, Lancaster; O. P. Miller, Paris; Judith F. Key, Washington; J. B. Hutchison, Lincoln Co.; J. Z. Taylor, Georgetown; J. W. Sullivan, Lexington; Moses Mackoy, Greenupsburg; Mary L. Warring, Liberty, Greenup Co.; R. J. Latimer, Mrs. M. C. Latimer, Burlington; Mrs. Lizzie McGinn, Paducah; Mrs. A. Howe; Mary J. Jarrott, Lancaster; Mrs. Martha Sheppard, Paducah; R. C. Ricketts, Woodford Co.; J. I. Rogers, M. C. Tiers, Wm. Jarrott and G. W. Elley, delegates from Kentucky State Meeting; J. R. Hewlett, Maysville; J. Watson, Mayslick; A. D. Taylor, Butler P. O.; H. Dinsmore, Carlisle; J. Shackelford, Maysville; J. Hall, Flemingsburg; S. G. Boyd, Mrs. A. Boyd, Dover; J. Lindsay, Ghent; T. Neal, Maysville; Elizabeth M. Crumbaugh, Georgetown; Henrietta Smith, Sallie Farrar, Lexington; Clara Adams, Bryantsville; S. Maltas, West Covington; C. G. Bartholomew, C. T. Herndon, Georgetown; E. J. Young, South Elkhorn; J. M. Wasson, Versailles; Mrs. J. A. Wil-

liams, Mrs. R. Milligan, Harrodsburg ; Mrs. J. B. Bowman, Cane Run ; Samuel Rogers, De Kalb Craig, Nettie Craig ; A. Raines, Paris ; Walter Scott, Mayslick ; J. A. Brooks, J. N. Wallingford, Mrs. Sue A. Brooks, Mrs. Lucy Bishop, Mrs. Hall, Flemingsburg.

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ILLINOIS—John T. Jones, Jacksonville ; Marinda R. Leonard, Greenville ; J. A. Owen, Jacksonville ; J. W. Lanphear, Bloomington ; S. W. Nesbit, L. Wiley, Charleston ; Alex. Johnston, Springfield ; A. D. Fillmore.

VIRGINIA—A. Campbell, Bethany ; W. J. Pettigrew, Richmond ; S. B. Teagarden, New Cumberland.

MICHIGAN—Alonson Wilcox, Paw Paw ; Isaac Errett.

MISSOURI—A. M. Leslie, Mrs. A. M. Leslie, St. Louis.

MARYLAND—Enoch Adamson, delegate from State Meeting ; Mrs. S. L. Adamson, Boonsboro.

KANSAS—Allen Crocker, Le Roy ; A. J. Galhart, Johnson Co. ; F. G. Franklin, Johnson Co.

E. W. Shortridge, Mount Pleasant, Iowa ; James Challen, Philadelphia, Pa.

On motion of R. C. Rice, a committee of five to report the order of business for the Society was appointed by the Chair, viz : R. C. Rice, C. H. Gould, J. H. Lockwood, R. Milligan and Geo. Campbell.

Bro. W. J. Pettigrew moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year ; which motion was carried ; and the Chair (the mover having declined to act as chairman of committee) appointed R. M. Bishop, W. J. Pettigrew and John Shackleford.

The committee on order of business made the following partial report, viz :

Order for this afternoon—Short voluntary addresses.

Order for this evening—Prayer meeting in this room from 6½ to 7½ o'clock, to be followed immediately by the annual address from the President, A. Campbell.

Order for Wednesday, Oct. 24th—Prayer meeting from 8 o'clock to 9 ; to be followed by an hour for social intercourse. Regular business meeting from 10 o'clock to 12, to hear reports.

1. Report of the Board.
2. Report of the Recording Secretary.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Report of the Auditor.

Short voluntary addresses were then delivered by brethren Samuel Rogers and Walter Scott, and the services were closed with prayer by Bro. James Challen.

EVENING SESSION.

The brethren convened at 6½ o'clock, in the upper part of the church, and spent an hour in devotional exercises.

At 7½ o'clock the annual address was delivered by the President, A. Campbell, to a crowded audience; after which prayer was offered by Bro. John Rogers, and a hymn being sung, the congregation was dismissed.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *October 24th.*—The brethren assembled at 8 o'clock, and devoted an hour to prayer and praise and exhortation—Bro. E. Goodwin presiding; which was followed by a brief space for social intercourse.

At 10 o'clock the Society was called to order, and after singing a hymn, the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The committee on order of business, in further partial report, suggested the appointment of a committee to distribute Railroad certificates to members of the convention. The Chair appointed W. S. Dickinson, W. D. Bickham and Joseph Frank.

The committee on nomination of officers requested the addition of two members to their committee, and the chair appointed brethren Robt. Milligan and J. M. Tilford.

The committee on order of business made a further report, viz:

For Wednesday afternoon—Regular business meeting from 2 o'clock to 4. Order—1. Unfinished business. 2. Appointment of committee on communications, written and verbal, from State societies, churches, and missionaries. 3. Reports of committees. 4. Short voluntary addresses at all suitable intervals.

For the evening—Prayer meeting from 6½ to 7½ o'clock; to be followed by an address from Prest. Robert Milligan.

For Thursday, Oct. 25th—Prayer meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock A. M. From 9 to 10 o'clock, social intercourse. From 10 to 12 o'clock, regular business meeting.

Afternoon session—Regular business meeting from 2 o'clock to 4.

For the evening—Prayer meeting from 6½ to 7½ o'clock; to be followed immediately by an address from W. J. Pettigrew, of Virginia.

The report, having been so amended, with consent of the committee,

as to provide for the immediate appointment of the committee on communications from churches, etc., was received and adopted.

The Chair appointed W. T. Moore, of Kentucky, James Challen, of Pennsylvania, and Enoch Adamson, of Maryland, the committee on communications above mentioned.

The Report of the Board was then read by the Corresponding Secretary, and accepted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

It is a pleasing task to watch the struggles and developments of a successful enterprise. On an occasion like the present, when so many are assembled from every part of the land, and bring with them so many joyful tokens of the extended and growing might of this reformatory movement, the veterans who love to gather here in these days of triumph, will recall the scenes of revolutionary interest—rapidly passing into history—in which they gallantly led on the contest for reform against overwhelming odds, or gathered about the camp-fires to talk over their struggles, their sorrows, and their hopes. Between *then* and *now*, there have been marvelous strides of success; and we are forcibly reminded of Jacob's saying, when returning from his sojourn in Padan-Aram: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which thou hast showed unto thy servant: for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands." The harmonious co-operations which now summon us to this annual feast of love, likewise stand in happy contrast with the loose and disjointed efforts of former times. The immense struggles to which the pleaders of reformation were called for a quarter of a century, allowed but little attention to organized effort in the acquisition and expenditure of our benevolent means. The unpleasant memories of recent annoyances of bigoted ecclesiasticisms made many brethren fearful of dangerous tendencies in all associations for religious purposes. But we are now learning to dismiss these fears, and are striving, not without success, to present to the religious world the spectacle of a harmonious Christian brotherhood, governed only by the laws of Christ, who unite in benevolent enterprise, undisturbed by the discussion of questions of doctrine or discipline: JESUS—his *cross*, his *gospel*, and his *kingdom*—supplanting all theological speculations, and all party ambitions.

We congratulate the brotherhood on the peaceful close of another year of uninterrupted and enlarged prosperity. The current of success has been disturbed by scarce a ripple on the surface. There is hardly enough of adversity to mellow the prosperities of the year. There is so much of unmixed good in our lot, that if we are not very thankful, and very humble, and very benevolently responsive to the goodness of our God, we can scarcely dare to hope for equal tokens of favor in time to come.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand, at the close of the year.....	\$2,268 03
Receipts of the year for missionary purposes.....	9,631 25
Collections for house of worship at Leavenworth City.....	5,200 00
Donation of Lot.....	1,000 00

Total.....18,099 28

Expenditures for missionary purposes.....	\$10,135 53
Expenditures for Leavenworth City.....	6,200 00—16,335 53

Balance in hand.....\$1,763 75

This shows an increase in receipts over last year of.....\$7,214 59
And in expenditures of.....9,859 08

It is proper to say here that the entire amount for the house of worship in Leavenworth City, has not been actually paid in. But as the contracts for building have all to be met within a few weeks, and as Bro. J. I. Rogers says it shall certainly be paid, even if it has to come from his own pocket, we place the whole amount in the present year's receipts and expenditures.

This increase has been largely owing to the employment of Agents to urge the claims of the Society and collect funds. While we have always desired to see the churches schooled into systematic benevolence, so as to avoid the cost of agencies in the collection of moneys, we are satisfied that this is impracticable. We are still desirous to encourage voluntary offerings from the churches; but there are so many benevolent schemes—Bible Revision, High Schools, Colleges, Educational funds, etc., etc., which all have special agents to urge them, that if this missionary enterprise is left unrepresented among them, it is certain to be crowded out. Nor is the cost of agency so objectionable in this as in the other enterprises referred to—since our agents are preachers who abundantly pay the cost of their agencies in their labors of love. Thus the three brethren who have acted as solicitors this year, report 152 additions; and this is but a small part of the valuable service rendered by them to the churches in their travels. There is no loss to the cause, therefore, so far as their labors are concerned. It is simply a change of field. We feel authorized to recommend as a settled policy, the employment of this class of agents—who may both preach and solicit; stay several days at a place when they find there is need, and while they labor to convert sinners, at the same time rouse the churches to a larger and holier benevolence.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

Whole number baptized.....	1009
“ “ received from other religious bodies.....	335
Total additions.....	1344
Of these there were in Jamaica—	
Baptisms.....	92
Other additions.....	14
Nova Scotia.....	155
New Brunswick.....	135
Canada West.....	28

Kansas.....	200
Massachusetts.....	10
Maine.....	138
New York.....	6
Ohio.....	113
Indiana.....	43
Kentucky.....	190
Arkansas.....	62
Missouri.....	59
Iowa.....	52
Michigan.....	182

For the details we refer to a tabular statement which will be published with the Annual Report; from which it will be seen that we have gone into 13 States, 1 Territory, and 3 British Provinces, besides our foreign fields—Syria and Jamaica.

The number of churches collected..... 26

These churches have not only been collected, but, as far as possible, fostered and trained. In several of them, active men are coming forward as teachers and preachers. While we have gained four preachers among the additions of the year, we know of several others among the converts who are rapidly growing into usefulness, and will soon be able to enter the field as useful and acceptable ministers of the word.

Number of preachers employed in home fields..... 23

These have not all been in constant employment. The time spent is equal to 13 years of one man's labor.

There are many things connected with these missionary operations which deserve to be mentioned.

1. An immense amount of hard labor has been performed. It is easy to express on paper these results. But the working out of these splendid facts has been at vast expense of self-denying toil. We have taken great pains to ascertain the facts in the case; and we feel confident in saying that the preachers employed have been faithful, laborious and self-sacrificing; in many cases eminently so. In proof of this we subjoin a few brief statements. Elder Geo. Garraty, Maine, in his final report, says: "Since I commenced for the A. C. M. Society, I have traveled by rail, steamboat and stage-coach, over 5,000 miles, and, exclusive of the time spent at home preaching in the city of Gardiner, and suburbs, of which I have made no reckoning, I have delivered 233 set discourses, besides exhortations, and many social meetings; baptized 42 converts, and made friends to our cause of 4 congregations on new territory, having the whole prerogative of 3 good meeting-houses, and the privilege of occupying 3 more when needed; and the aggregate number of 220 friends who have publicly professed their attachment to the principles of the Reformation."—This is the summary of only six months' service!

From two other reports taken at random from the documents in our possession, we find that in *eleven* months there are reported 326 discourses, 422 visits, 40 social meetings.

It is very clear that our preachers have not been idle.

2. Some labor has been performed in States where we have State organizations. This was not designed to interfere with the operations of the State societies. It has been either where our solicitors were traveling, and had an opportunity to do good by the way, or where an open door was before us which the State societies were not likely to enter, and where our labors would not in any way conflict with theirs. Our general rule is, to occupy the destitute States and Territories; and this will become, year by year, a more rigid rule with us, as we find the State societies growing into more efficiency in the occupancy of the mission fields in their States respectively.

3. The work done in Leavenworth City is deserving of special notice. Bro. John I. Rogers has undertaken, under the direction of the Board, and is successfully prosecuting, the project of building a house of worship in that city. Although this is rather outside the strict duties of the Board, it was felt to be so important a point for future influence, as well as for present good, that we could not hesitate about it. Bro. R. has succeeded in raising the necessary amount of subscription.

The contract names as the cost of erection and outside finishing of the house.....	\$5 200
The lot given is worth.....	1 000
Value of church property.....	\$6 200

In addition to this, Mr. POWEL CLAYTON, City Surveyor and Engineer, offered his services, which have been very valuable. He drew the plan, wrote all the specifications, and the contract, and is daily on the ground superintending the work. As Mr. C. has no religious connection with us, his valuable gratuitous labors are entitled to an honorable mention.

The building is under contract to be enclosed by the 1st of November. The Corresponding Secretary was on the ground in September, when the basement walls were about completed. It will be a neat and elegant brick edifice, with stone basement; sufficiently capacious; and will take rank among the best specimens of church architecture in the city. After the present contract is performed, it will be an easy task to prepare the basement room for an immediate place of worship, and the interior finish of the main building will be postponed until the revival of business in Leavenworth shall enable the church there to complete it at their own expense. Bro. C. G. Bartholomew is to go to that post the coming year. This, with the amount of successful evangelizing performed in Kansas during the year—a success which marks it as one of our best fields,—gives us boldness to appeal to all the friends of Kansas Mission for larger liberality.

It is due to Bro. R. C. Rice to say that he has charged for but six months' service, while he has rendered a great deal actual and valuable service, the last six months, which he prefers should be gratuitously bestowed. This testimony of devotion to the cause is worthy of honorable mention.

4. The work accomplished in the East during the year, is very encouraging. While the Western and Southwestern fields have yielded

good fruit, this is no more than we anticipated. But the appropriations for the Eastern fields were made with some fears as to the results, and with only a moderate public sentiment in favor of the experiment. We have been met with an agreeable disappointment. Bro. Garraty's labors have been wonderfully blessed. At St. George, New Brunswick, 60 Baptists united with 79 Disciples who had been recently baptized, to constitute a Christian church. They have a neat house of worship, and Bro. Greenlow preaches and teaches for them half the time. In and about Eastport, Maine, 37 have been baptized, and a great revolution wrought in public sentiment. In Lubec, Me., a church of the old "Christian Connection" are anxious to employ a preacher who will preach and teach the whole truth. At Seward's Neck another congregation is placed on the apostolic basis. And in Worcester, Mass., also, a church is formed, having a good meeting-house, and encouraging prospects.

Dr. John Knox, Prince Edward Island, has spent three months in the service of the Board, mostly in Nova Scotia, where the hindrances to a hearing have been almost insurmountable. He has succeeded in gaining large and favorable hearings, and if the advantages gained are not lost by neglect, a good work must, sooner or later, be accomplished. His report says: "I have traveled over 1100 miles, and preached throughout large districts of this Province to very large assemblies—so large that on some occasions great numbers failed to gain access to the meeting-houses. I have had frequent invitations to repeat my visits from all kinds of people, and one man—a Regular Baptist—offered me \$2,000 as a subscription towards the erection of a meeting house in which the pure Gospel is to be preached, and a church of Christians gathered who will recognize no creed but the Word of God, and no authority but that of Jesus."

There is certainly a star of Hope rising in the East.

5. In Canada West, Bro. Samuel Lowery—a colored preacher—educated by Bro. Fanning, and of good report wherever he is known, has been employed to labor especially for the benefit of the colored population of that Province. He has succeeded in organizing two small churches and Sunday schools, and seems determined to succeed, so far as energy and perseverance can command success. It is too soon to decide on the value of this field.

Indeed, all our Home Missions have been successful and prosperous beyond any thing we have been able to report in previous years. There is a sevenfold increase over the results of last year. And yet it has been mostly pioneer labor, pursued under many difficulties; and more valuable in preparing the way for future results, than in the immediate fruits now reported.

It is proper to say, before we close this section of our report, that our Home Missions have controlled a much larger amount of money than appears in our returns. The moneys raised by our missionaries to build meeting-houses, and sustain other preachers, are not included in these statements. Thus, for instance, Thos. Munnell says, in his last report:

"The friends of the Society should know, also, that the raising of the salaries of two young preachers is principally due to the efforts of said Society through their agent. As a large per centum of this amount, to say the least, would not otherwise have been applied to the cause of God, it ought to go to the credit of the Society; and although the cash contributions have not been large, the amount of money raised and pledged, for the various purposes intimated, as the direct result of my mission, will not fall much below \$1,000."

And let it not be forgotten that a great part of the work performed has been in destitute fields, which would have lain neglected, but for this organized effort. Our solicitors, of course, have done most of their labor among the strong churches. Two young brethren—Cox and Hogan—who were found, during vacation, bravely working away, and going afoot to their appointments—were encouraged to work during vacation in Kentucky. But generally the labor was just such as would have gone unaccomplished, but for co-operative effort. And we are happy in pointing to these results as decisive evidence of the indispensable importance and the entire feasibility of our plan of organized action.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have nothing very cheering from the Jerusalem Mission, save the unabated faith and perseverance of our devoted missionary family. When we anxiously inquire of Dr. Barclay, on the walls of Zion, "*Watchman, what of the night?—Watchman, what of the night?*"—he scarcely answers with the first gleam of hope, "*The morning cometh,*" until he is compelled by some new adversity to add, "*and also the night.*" Still, in his strong faith in the future and the immense hopefulness of his nature, he sends a cheerful message over to us—"If ye will inquire, inquire ye; return, come."

During the period of terrible war between the Druses and Maronites, Dr. B. and his family were sometimes in great peril. But they have not only preserved themselves, but have been able to render valuable service to many of the distressed victims of those horrible contests. His last letter is dated Beirut, August 30th, in which he accounts for being found there rather than at Jaffa or Jerusalem, by saying, "this is the only admitted place of safety in all Syria, at the present time."

We feel assured that our brethren all over the land will sympathize with this devoted family in the trials and discouragements peculiar to such a period of war and desolation. Although no converts have been made, materials have been and are being furnished to augment our faith, and to enrich our history with instances of patient toil and heroic devotion. The Baptists are vastly richer with the history of the Judson family, than they could have been without it: richer, not merely in the materials of a stirring history, but richer in faith and in good works. An Elliott, a Brainerd, a Carey, a Judson, a Morrison, a Martyn, or a Livingstone, is a great treasure to any people. We surely will not refuse to cherish a BARCLAY and his family, whose intellectual and moral worth gave them at home superior claims; and whose earnest devotion to the work of the Lord in a distant and discouraging field, as it was

among the first facts to awaken us to missionary enterprise, may yet furnish us with materials of history that shall quicken the churches every where into a nobler existence, and prepare a heritage of faith and heroism for our children and children's children, whose worth can not be expressed by the small sums we are now asked to contribute for their support.

Dr. Barclay writes, in answer to an inquiry whether his salary was sufficient to meet his wants, that he expects to be able to live another year on \$400 less ; and authorizes the Secretary to reduce his salary to \$1600. He also intimates the possibility of reducing it another year to \$1200.

We are sure that when our beloved missionary, in the darkest period of his trials, is thus willing to retrench, we can not be otherwise than willing to hold up his hands, and cheer him with substantial tokens of approval and appreciation.

There are two considerations which should preserve our faith from faltering in regard to this mission. 1st. The Holy Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments clearly point to a glorious future for the fleshly children of Abraham. 2d. The affairs of Syria are becoming so strangely blended with the interests of the most powerful and enlightened nations, that it is impossible to foresee what apparently trivial event may in a day change the fortunes of Palestine and its ancient owners. The gravest questions of commerce, as well as some serious questions of religion, involve the fortunes of that land ; and it is impossible to tell how soon railroads and canals may open new paths of commerce, and connect distant parts of the world by new ties, as the result of war or diplomacy. It is not a time, therefore, to despond or to doubt, when so many strange events are being strung on the thread of Providence, and so many new hopes are kindling their fires amidst the dreary monotonies of oriental life. It is worth while to have a family like that of Dr. Barclay, patiently laying the foundations of future enterprise, slowly but surely gathering about them confidence and respect, and in a large experience preparing themselves for the successful prosecution of the work so dear to their hearts. Besides all this, a standing advertisement in the Holy Land, of our *existence*, our *faith* and our *aims* is worth \$2,000 a year.

JAMAICA MISSION.—This mission has been greatly prosperous ; so much so as to dissipate many doubts entertained by good brethren as to the feasibility of foreign missions.

The report for ten months, up to August 15th, says : " Since my last annual report, we have had, in Kingston, 30 additions, as follows :

Wesleyans.....	7
Established Church.....	4
Baptists.....	10
The world.....	9-30
Excluded.....	1
Died.....	1
Removed.....	1-3
Nett increase.....	27

Amount bro't forward.....	27
A new church has been organized at Dallas Castle, Port Royal Mountains, 12 miles from Kingston, 23 have since been added, and 2 excluded, making the present number.....	37
Two have been baptized at Mocha, another point in the Port Royal Mountains.....	2
Total nett increase.....	66

Among the additions at Dallas Castle is Bro. John H. Crole, a young preacher, of good standing in his former ecclesiastical connection, and whose course since he came among the Disciples, has been approved heartily by Bro. Beardslee. He is doing good service to the cause in the mountains.

Bro. B. visited also the parish of Vere, some 40 miles from Kingston, by invitation of a Baptist minister named Duckett, where six were baptized, and a great interest awakened. As we expect to publish Bro. B.'s letter in the Annual Report, with all its interesting details, we forbear farther statements here.

In a letter since received, dated Sept. 7th, we have the following additional intelligence: At Mocha, Bro. B. baptized 7, and 1 united from the Baptists. Kingston, 1 baptized; Dallas Castle, 1; in the parish of Vere, Bro. Duckett baptized 9, which added to the 6 previously baptized, make 15; in all, 25. Making the total additions of the year, 94. A reference to the appendix of the Annual Report, will show that while this itself is a very cheering result, it is but a small part of the actual good accomplished. Another year will reveal much greater results.

During the year, \$550 have been paid towards the purchase of mission premises for a house of worship; \$650 yet remain to be paid. Your Board have been at great pains to secure a good title to the property, and have felt much embarrassed from the fact that the property could not be legally conveyed to the Missionary Society, nor to any persons in trust for the Society, so as to give us the legal control of the premises. It was thought best to furnish the money in the shape of a loan, and let the title be made to trustees in Jamaica, in behalf of the church in Kingston, and trust the ability of the infant church there to guard her own interests. We are only laboring under the same embarrassments that all missionary organizations feel, under similar circumstances.

One hundred dollars have also been appropriated for the support of Bro. J. H. Crole, to labor as a missionary in the Port Royal Mountains.

We greatly rejoice in the efficiency and success attending Bro. Beardslee's labors and managements. Our hope is strong in greater achievements still.

The Jerusalem and Jamaica Missions are fully paid up to January, 1861. Our missionaries in the Home fields are all fully paid, except in two or three instances where they failed to send in their accounts in time, and as a consequence, a small balance remains in their favor.

Article XI. of the Constitution very properly requires that "all officers, managers, missionaries, or agents of the Society shall be members

in good standing in their respective churches." To preserve the integrity of the Constitution, it became necessary, in March, to exclude from the Board W. W. Eaton, who had previously been excluded from the church of which he was a member. Also, C. G. Allen, who had been excluded by his church from membership, was necessarily dismissed from the service of the Board.

In acting in these cases, we confined ourselves to the fact that these men had lost their standing in their churches, and were therefore unworthy of a place in our Board or in our service. We did not feel at liberty, nor recognize any necessity, to go back of the action of the churches to inquire into the charges preferred against them. Painful as the duty is, the Board nevertheless feel compelled, in justice to themselves and to the cause, to place this statement on record.

FUTURE FIELDS.

We wish briefly to map out the suggestions that have come from various sources to shape our future efforts. We have been at pains to secure from reliable sources, narratives and estimates of the condition and prospects of the cause in many different States. These, or a report embodying their information, will be laid before the Society, partly as an aid to the formation of a correct judgment of various fields of labor. The suggestions which we now offer are not of course brought before the Society for action, but for the benefit of counsel and recommendation, that the Board may have some index to the public sentiment of the brotherhood.

1. The fields now occupied, should be occupied still. In most of these fields, the work is just begun. The past has been occupied with pioneer work. It has only been laying the foundations of successful labor. The churches formed are yet imperfect in knowledge and in spiritual culture, and will need attention. The expense, in most of these fields, will be partially relieved by the contributions of the churches. We must fortify as we go, and preserve our acquisitions; or this missionary effort will be simply a huge folly. The men employed should be capable of instructing the churches in their whole duty—the duty of *giving*, along with all the rest,—and of developing the gifts and talents of the churches, so as to raise up pastors and teachers for the flocks.

2. The conquests can generally be pushed to adjoining territory. The success of one church sounds out for many miles, and prepares the way for a favorable hearing and a less prejudiced decision. This is better than to scatter efforts loosely over a large extent of territory.

3. Several new Home fields should be entered the coming year. The State of Wisconsin has not an evangelist in it, who gives his whole time to the work. Minnesota, rapidly filling up with an Eastern population, freed from the shackles of their former associations, offers an inviting field. Texas presents fields as inviting as any in the West or Southwest. Bro. Cyrus Bosworth, who traveled through that State a year ago, obligingly furnished the Board much valuable information as to

the resources and wants of the different parts of the State. On our Pacific coast there is much need of the presence of an energetic, prudent, enterprising, influential evangelist—as all will learn when the report from California is read. In fact, our plea will meet with no desirable success until such assistance is furnished. Washington City is a center of influence which seems above almost any other city, to be proper missionary ground. A little band is struggling there against fearful odds. Many brethren, and many friends of our cause are constantly visiting there, whose influence is lost to us; and many, it is feared, in the absence of the protection and fostering care of a church, are drawn into the snares of Satan. It is a place from which the word of the Lord ought to “sound out” with great success.

INDIAN MISSION.—Bro. J. J. Trott, in a letter dated Christian Mission, Cherokee Nation, 1860, says: “We have already about 75 disciples in the Cherokee Nation, which we humbly hope and pray may be the first fruits of a glorious harvest. Some of these are the result of our humble efforts in the old nation more than twenty years ago. Some are the fruits of the able efforts of Bro. Graham, and the pious labors of Bro. Robertson; and some 50 were converted by the zealous efforts of brethren Goodnight and Phillips. We had the pleasure last fall of immersing three descendants of the red man, while on a visit to Grand Prairie, where we have a good prospect of establishing a High School. Having volunteered our humble efforts in this missionary field, free of charges to church or state, and having a large family to care for, we have not been able to devote as much time to preaching the word as we desired, and the cause demands.”—Bro. T. makes a strong plea for this mission, based on the location of the Indian Territory, the progress made by the tribe in civilization, and the prospective political and social importance of that Territory.

At the Spring Meeting, in St. Louis, a very decided expression was gained in favor of re-establishing the African Mission. Bro. N. S. Bastion, familiar with the ground, stands ready to conduct such an enterprise to at least a fair beginning, if a suitable colored missionary could be had to locate there, and carry on the work. No one has yet offered. The whole African continent will soon have been explored, and we have little doubt that as missionaries have opened the way to commerce, that commerce will open the way to many inviting missionary fields.

The strange developments in Europe and Asia, but especially in Italy, bid us have “our loins girded, and our lamps trimmed and burning.” We ought to be training our young disciples, intellectually, but still more spiritually, for noble ambitions and great undertakings. We need self-sacrificing, heroic spirits, who, as providential calls are heard, will be ready to say, “Here am I, send me.” Our prayers, preaching, family and school training, must become more fully directed to this end. The wants of our race—the true spirit of Christianity—the heroism of primitive times—the sufferings and the triumphs of the saints;—these are the themes which need thorough, pungent and continual

illustration and enforcement, until the whole church is filled with the inspirations of the love of God; and shall stand, in these grand and awful times, ready and eager to go forth amidst the desperate conflicts of truth and falsehood, right and wrong, prepared to do brave battle for the Captain of Salvation, and to avail herself of all the openings which the startling judgments and providences of God may effect.

We can not but feel that, in the successes of this enterprise, the last few years, the money gathered and the converts made, form only a small part of the good that has been wrought. The light thrown on the whole question of missions—the awakening of the churches to sympathy with a lost world—the uplifting of souls into a purer atmosphere of love, and the kindling of new desires for lives of usefulness in the Redeemer's service:—these are among the unwritten influences which no statistics can gather up; but which will, we trust, ripen into blessed fruits, in giving us a host of toiling spirits, who, immersed in the love of God, and ambitious of the *cross* as well as of the *crown*, shall illustrate this plea for a pure Christianity of beautiful and noble devotion.

We can not close this review of the year without devoutly recording our gratitude to the Father of mercies, that among our officers and laborers there has been no death since our last annual assembly. Even the patriarchs are all preserved to us. Heaven is lavish of mercies to us in the midst of our toils. This may not always be. But something still better will succeed to it. The sweet communion of these precious seasons will soon be transferred from the wilderness to Canaan; and instead of an occasional halt from journeyings in the desert for a season of refreshment, will be an eternal feast of love in the land of rest. Meanwhile, and in hope of that final reunion, let us welcome the toils and struggles of the way, and “quit ourselves like men,” in the mighty controversy with sin and hell, that the victor's crown may be ours in the end.

By order of the Executive Board.

ISAAC ERRETT, *Cor. Sec'y.*

On motion of Bro. Walter Scott, a committee of three was appointed to take into consideration and report to the meeting, so much of the Report of the Board as relates to foreign missions.

The Chair appointed Walter Scott, of Kentucky, Alexander Johnston, of Illinois, and John I. Rogers, of Kentucky.

On motion of James Challen, a committee of three was appointed to consider and report upon so much of the Report of the Board as refers to new home missions.

The Chair appointed James Challen, of Pennsylvania, L. P. Streater, of Kentucky, and J. M. Macrum, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Benj. Franklin, a committee of three was appointed to report on so much of the Report of the Board as refers to our current operations in the home field.

The Chair appointed Benj. Franklin, of Cincinnati, George W. Elley, of Kentucky, and John T. Jones, of Illinois.

On motion of R. C. Rice, a committee of three was appointed to consider and report upon so much of the Report of the Board as relates to the missionary labors of John I. Rogers, in Kansas, and in erecting a meeting house in Leavenworth City, in that Territory.

The Chair appointed R. C. Rice, of Kentucky, John W. Errett, of Dayton, and J. J. Moss, of Indiana.

On motion of George Campbell, so much of the Report of the Board as relates to the employment of agencies, was referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed George Campbell, of Indiana, P. B. Wiles, of Kentucky, and C. D. Hurlbutt, of Ohio.

On motion of Jacob Burnet, the residue of the business appointed for this morning's session was postponed until to-morrow morning. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society was called to order at 2 o'clock, and a portion of the 3rd chapter of Paul's epistle to the Ephesians was read, and prayer offered by Bro J. W. Lanphear.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. T. Moore, from the committee to whom were referred communications from churches, etc., made a report, which was accepted and adopted; and upon recommendation of the committee, communications from the State Co-operation of Maryland, from the Kentucky State Missionary Society, and from the Indiana State Meeting, were read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS.

The committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Society, beg leave to submit the following:

That the letters received from State Meetings be read before the Society, and published in the minutes of the meeting, with such modifications as may be thought proper. And further: that the remaining portion of the correspondence be referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

W. T. MOORE,	} Com.
JAS. CHALLEN,	
E. ADAMSON,	

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as relates to Foreign Missions, made a report through Walter Scott, their chairman, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions report that while they believe that the funds expended in the inauguration and support of foreign missions could be, so far as individual conversions are concerned, more profitably applied to Home Missions ; and while we are aware that many of our brethren would prefer the appropriation of your funds at home, we deem it nevertheless both important and expedient to continue the support of the Foreign Missions already established, and which, all things considered, have met our most sanguine expectations.

WALTER SCOTT, }
JOHN I. ROGERS, } *Com.*
ALEX. JOHNSTON }

Bro. J. J. Moss moved the appointment of a committee of three to report upon the subject of a mission to Africa. After remarks from Bro. Moss, the motion was carried.

The Chair appointed J. J. Moss, R. C. Ricketts and J. M. Mathes.

Bro. James Challen, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as regards new Home Missions, made a report which was accepted ; and after having been amended by consent of the committee by adding to the fields therein enumerated the State of Texas, and discussed by several brethren, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on new fields in the Home Mission department, beg leave to report, that in their judgment the portions of our country unoccupied, or but partially entered upon, and which would yield results the most important and valuable as living and potential centers in our future operations are the following, viz : 1. Washington City ; 2. Pennsylvania ; 3. California ; 4. Georgia ; 5. Wisconsin ; 6. Minnesota ; 7. New England ; 8. Texas.

We would commend most earnestly to the Executive Board an immediate attention to the places above specified. We might extend the list almost indefinitely, but we hardly dare hope that our means and resources will enable the Board for the coming year to extend their operations beyond what we have already indicated.

JAMES CHALLEN, }
L. P. STREATOR, } *Com.*
J. M. MACRUM, }

R. C. Rice, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as relates to the labors in Kansas of Bro. John I. Rogers, read the report of that committee, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABORS OF JOHN I. ROGERS.

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as relates to the mission of Elder John I. Rogers in Kansas, and his efforts to build a house of worship in Leavenworth City, beg leave to report as follows :

1. That the Society approve the action of the Board in reference to the raising and expenditure of funds for the erection of said house of worship

2. That the zeal and success of Bro. Rogers are highly commendable, and that he be allowed compensation on the same terms upon which he was employed by the Board as missionary.

3. That the brethren should not permit Bro Rogers to sustain any pecuniary loss by the obligation he has assumed in the erection of the aforesaid building.

R C RICE, }
J. J. MOSS, } Com.
J. ERRETT, }

The Society then adjourned until the evening session.

EVENING SESSION.

At 6½ o'clock the brethren met and spent an hour in prayer, exhortation and praise, Bro. R. C. Rice presiding.

At 7½ o'clock Bro Rob't Milligan delivered his address to a large audience, and was followed by Bro. Isaac Errett, the Corresponding Secretary, in a practical appeal to the brethren, in behalf of the Society. Pledges of money were then called for, and about four thousand five hundred dollars were subscribed by brethren who assumed the responsibility of raising various sums during the year, ranging from \$500 down to \$25. Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, *October 25th.*—The time from 8 to about 9½ o'clock was occupied with devotional exercises, Bro. J. B. New presiding ; and after a short space for social intercourse, at a few minutes after 10 the Society was called to order.

The Reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer and the Auditor were called for, and an explanation was made by the Corresponding Secretary that it was impossible at present to give those reports, because the current settlements with brethren during the progress of the meeting, prevented the balancing of accounts between the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and the completion of the reports. Thereupon the hearing of those reports was waived.

The committee on order of business made another partial report for to-day's business session, as follows :

1. Unfinished business.
2. Reports of committees.
3. Amendments to Constitution.
4. Miscellaneous business.

Bro. John T. Jones, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as relates to the current operations of the Society in the Home field, made a report ; which, after being discussed by several brethren, was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESENT HOME FIELDS.

The committee to whom so much of the Report of the Executive Board was referred as relates to the Home field, would beg leave to report, that on viewing the whole premises, we have much reason for congratulation that the Board have been able to accomplish so much during the last year, when we take into consideration the limited means placed at its disposal. We have no suggestions to make as to future action, only that a scrupulous regard should be had to the character and qualifications of all those engaged in the missionary service, and soundness in the faith ; and that the fields now occupied that promise an abundant harvest should not be neglected ; and that new fields ought to be opened as soon as the means in possession of the Board will justify it : therefore,

Resolved, That the Executive Board are entitled to and should receive the entire confidence of the whole brotherhood, for their sagacity and fidelity in the administration of their official duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. JONES, }
GEO. W. ELLEY, } *Com.*
B. FRANKLIN, }

Bro. Geo. Campbell, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as regards the employment of agents to collect funds, made a report, which was accepted, and after some discussion, was recommitted to the committee.

On motion, brethren Lucas and Dearborn were added to the committee.

The order of business being suspended, a communication from the Illinois State Meeting was read, by Bro. John T. Jones, and was ordered to be published with the minutes.

Bro J. J. Moss, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Board as relates to a Mission to Africa, made a report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Mr. President—Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Board's Report as refers to the African Mission, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and we feel no hesitation in saying, that we regard Liberia as a highly important missionary field, which God in his providences is calling us to occupy at the earliest practicable moment. We therefore submit the following resolution, and recommend its passage :

Resolved, That it is our duty as a Missionary Society to occupy and re-establish the "Liberian Mission," as soon as the money in the treasury will justify such a step, and a suitable man can be procured for a missionary.

J. J. Moss,
J. M. MATHES, } *Com.*
R. C. RICKETTS,

The committee on nomination of officers made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT—Alexander Campbell, Bethany, Virginia.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Isaac Errett, Michigan ; Wm. P. Stratton, R. M. Bishop, Cincinnati ; Walter Scott, Ky. ; M. E. Lard, Mo. ; R. C. Rice, John Smith, Ky. ; James Challen, Pa. ; T. M. Allen, Alex. Proctor, Mo. ; R. S. Coleman, Va. ; R. Milligan, Ky. ; J. T. Jones, Ill. ; E. Goodwin, Geo. Campbell, Ind. ; J. S. Lamar, Ga. ; P. S. Fall, Tenn. ; Geo. Austin, Md. ; J. P. Robison, Ohio ; W. H. Hopson, Ky.

MANAGERS—Benj. Franklin, J. M. Henry, James Magill, Thurston Crane, J. R. Challen, James Leslie, A. B. Fenton, T. J. Murdock, H. Pearce, T. H. Moore, J. F. Mills, W. H. Lape, W. S. Dickinson, Cincinnati ; T. N. Arnold, Ky. ; J. M. Tilford, Ind. ; W. K. Pendleton, W. J. Pettigrew, J. D. Pickett, Va. ; J. I. Rogers, Thos. Munnell, Ky. ; J. W. McGarvey, Mo. ; W. C. Holton, John Rogers, Ky. ; A. Chatterton, Iowa ; C. D. Hurlbutt, Ohio.

OFFICERS—Jacob Burnet, H. S. Bosworth, Recording Secretaries ; G. W. Bishop, Treasurer ; C. H. Gould, Auditor ; D. S. Burnet, Corresponding Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted. R. M. BISHOP, *Chm'n.*

On motion of Wm. P. Stratton, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Bro. Errett, on his retiring from the office of Corresponding Secretary, for the untiring energy and the self-sacrifice and devotion with which he has fulfilled the duties of his office.

The committee on the subject of agencies, by Geo. Campbell, their chairman, again reported. The report was accepted and adopted, and the filling of the blanks therein was referred to the discretion of the Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGENCIES.

Your committee on Agency respectfully submit the following : We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the meeting recommend the Executive Board to employ agents to collect funds for the use of the Society in the following States —

Resolved, That the agents employed by the Board, being competent preachers, are expected to be diligently engaged in evangelizing in their several States while acting as such Agents.

GEO. CAMPBELL,	} Com.
P. B. WILES,	
J. A. DEARBORN,	
J. R. LUCAS,	

Bro. W. J. Pettigrew offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we commend to the Executive Board, as far as shall seem to them expedient, after mature deliberation and consultation with the church in Washington City, the selection of an agent to raise funds for the erection or purchase of a suitable church edifice in our national capital.

After some discussion the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Geo. W. Elley, it was

Resolved, That the Board be directed to examine specially the claims of the Cherokee Nation in reference to the petition of Elder Trott, and to give to his petition such aid as in their judgment it demands, if any.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Society was called to order, and after singing a hymn, and reading a portion of the last chapter of the Book of Revelation, and prayer by Bro. A. Adams, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

R. M. Bishop offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this annual meeting cordially approves the resolution passed at the Spring meeting of the Society in St. Louis, to recommend to the Board the appointment of the next semi-annual meeting of the Society at Richmond, Va., at such time in the Spring of 1861 as they may decide.

The resolution was adopted.

Bro. Geo. Campbell offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, As the mission of the church of God demands that we exhibit the Divine philanthropy by imitating and obeying our Redeemer in doing good to all men, especially to the household of faith, and this by providing for the wants of the bodies and souls of the needy ; therefore

Resolved, That the sufferings of the poor saints in Southern Kansas

and the people generally therein demand our sympathy and aid at this time, and we should all promptly respond to the present call for our liberal individual contributions in their behalf.

Bro. Isaac Errett offered the following additional resolution on the same subject :

Resolved, That we recommend to the brethren in the States to send funds to Capt. J. C. Stone, Samuel Keyser, and W. S. Yohe, of Leavenworth City, Kansas, to be by them distributed according to their best judgment to the needy.

The resolution was adopted.

Bro. James Challen offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That inasmuch as there is a large portion of the population in our cities who seldom or never go into any of our churches, therefore we recommend to the Board the employment of missionaries for this class of the community.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of W. J. Pettigrew, it was

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the city papers, especially the *Commercial*, *Gazette* and *Times*, for the courteous reports and notices of our proceedings. Also, that our most grateful acknowledgments are due and are hereby presented to the brotherhood and other citizens of this city for their generous hospitality.

Bro. John I. Rogers offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That we tender our cordial thanks to the following railroad and steamboat lines that have so generously carried delegates to this convention at half fare, viz :

Cincinnati, Wilmington & Zanesville ; Marietta, Cincinnati & Hillsboro ; Ohio & Mississippi ; Indianapolis & Cincinnati ; Covington & Lexington ; Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton ; Little Miami ; North Missouri ; and Central Ohio.

Also, *whereas*, Mr. Powell Clayton, of Leavenworth City, Kansas, has rendered essential services to us in drafting, writing specifications and superintending our church building in Leavenworth, without any reward ; therefore

Resolved, That this convention tender him their thanks for his disinterested efforts in our behalf, and as a token of our gratitude, we recommend our Board to present him a handsome Bible with an appropriate inscription upon it.

On motion of R. C. Rice, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are hereby tendered to the President, and Bro. D. S. Burnet, the acting President, and the Secretaries, for the dignified and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Adjourned till 6½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

From 6½ to 7½ o'clock the time was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. J. M. Henry. Then followed an address from Bro. W. J. Pettigrew, founded on Matt. xi. 28-30, to which marked attention was given.

At this point Bro. D. S. Burnet, acting President, introduced to the crowded assembly Dr. McLeod, Corresponding Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, who enlivened the hour by some very liberal and philanthropic sentiments. No speaker during the meeting seemed more animated and earnest. It appeared to give him special pleasure to relate some interviews which he enjoyed with Bro. M. J. Denis, recently Dr. Barclay's assistant in Jerusalem. He most cordially endorsed him as a genuine convert from the Talmud to Christ, in heart and life.

Bro. Burnet then brought forward Bro. C. G. Bartholomew, now on his way to Leavenworth to enter upon his duties in the service of the Board. A hymn was sung, many greeted him, and with exhortations and a concluding prayer by Bro. Walter Scott, he was commended to God and to his work; and the meeting closed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

- GEO. W. BISHOP, TREASURER, *in account with*

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. Dr.

To cash on hand Oct. 27, 1859, ... \$ 2,268 03

To cash received at sundry times this year, ... 15,831 25

\$18,099 28

Cr.

By cash paid on sundry orders, ... 16,335 90

By balance to new account, ... 1,763 38

\$18,099 28

GEO. W. BISHOP, TREASURER.

CINCINNATI, *October 26*, 1860.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

I have examined the accounts of the Secretaries and Treasurer, finding them to correspond with each other, and correct.

Respectfully submitted.

CARLOS H. GOULD, AUDITOR.

CINCINNATI, *October 26*, 1860.

Tabular Statement of Missionary Operations from Oct. 20, 1859, to Oct. 20, 1860.

NAMES OF PREACHERS.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	NO. MONTHS	BAPTISMS	OTHER ACCESSIONS	NO. GATHERED UP	CHURCHES ORGANIZED
Dr. J. T. Barclay.....	Jerusalem, Beirut and Jaffa.....	12	90	11		1
J. O. Beardslee.....	Kingston, D. Castle, Mocha, Vere	12	2	3		
John H. Crole.....	Dallas Castle, Jamaica.....	6	48	22		4
Geo. Garraty.....	New Brunswick, Maine, Mass...	6	57	5	82	2
J. S. Robertson.....	Arkansas.....	11	73	7	16-18	3
Wm. M. Roe.....	Southern Michigan.	5	15	12	27	3
E. H. Brooks.....	Gratiot and Isabella Co's, Mich...	10	7	3	9	2
C. G. Allen.....	Kansas.....	3	3		16	2
Dr. G. E. Shepard....	New York city and environs....	10			10	1
D. S. Burnet.....	Philadelphia.....	1	14	9		
✓ John F. Rate.....	Portsmouth, Ohio.....	6	74			
John I. Rogers.....	Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky..	3	35			
R. C. Rice.....	Kentucky.....	10	43			
Geo. Campbell.....	Indiana.....	6	33	11		
G. T. Carpenter.....	Iowa.....	6				
P. T. Russell.....	Iowa.....	4	8		17	1
F. Oakes.....	Western Virginia.....	5	30	5	41	1
E. Phillips.....	Kansas.....	6	127	15	29	3
S. W. Jackson.....	Kansas and Missouri.....	5				2
Wallace Cox.....	Kentucky.....	3	145	10		
Bro. Hogan.....	Kentucky.....	3				
Dr. John Knox.....	Nova Scotia.....	3	65	10		1
Eli Regal.....	Ionia County, Michigan.....	6				
✓ W. W. Eaton.....	Portsmouth, Ohio.....	1 1/4				
Thos. Munnell.....	Southwestern Ohio.....	5 1/2	80	10	indefinite	1
Isaac Errett.....		12		4		
Samuel Lowery.....	Canada West.....	10 1/2	24		3	2

TABULAR STATEMENT.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

S M Long, 2 ins	\$5 00	James Thomas, 3 ins.....	\$5 00
A B Fenton, 1, 2, 3 ins.....	15 00	Wm Mentzel, 1 ins.....	5 00
T Drennan, 2 ins.....	5 00	John Boyd, 1 ins.....	5 00
A E Myers, 3 ins.....	5 00	Alfred Duvall, 2 ins	5 00
J J Nichols, 2 ins.....	5 00	Isaac H Sturgeon, 1 ins.....	5 00
J W Taylor, 2 ins.....	5 00	G T Pittman, 1 and 2 ins.....	10 00
Elizabeth Boulware, 3 ins.....	5 00	W H " 1 and 2 ins.....	10 00
Martha Boulware, 3 ins.....	5 00	E F " 1 and 2 ins.....	10 00
J Alsop, 4 and 5 ins.....	10 00	Samuel Hatch, 2 ins.....	5 00
Louisa C Boulware, 1 ins.....	5 00	John W Taylor, 3 ins.....	5 00
R H Pollard, 2 ins	5 00	Jemima Taylor, 3 ins.....	5 00
R C Henshaw, 1 ins	5 00	Geo Campbell, 1 ins.....	5 00
A Samuel, 1 ins.....	5 00	J Robison, 1 ins.....	5 00
R P Cave, 3 ins.....	5 00	A Scott, 1 ins.....	5 00
Isabella P Childs, 3 ins	5 00	J Mathes, 1 ins.....	5 00
A H Anderson, 2 ins.....	5 00	Elder Van Meter, 1 ins.....	5 00
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W D Moore, on pledge.....	75 00	Sarah Dixon.....	1 00
John Smith.....	1 00	D H Matthews.....	1 00
Cornelius Smith.....	1 00	J Hall.....	1 00
Lucinda Dille.....	1 00	Wm T Moore, bal. on pledge.....	32 00
Christian Brindle.....	8 00	Maria New.....	2 30
Reuben Balch.....	1 00	S Maltas.....	1 00
J Hawley.....	1 00	J W Lanham.....	1 00
J R Cooper.....	1 00	Dr J C Beck.....	1 00
Cash.....	1 00	J Richardson.....	1 00
W H Hazelrigg.....	2 00	A Casad.....	1 00
Hortense B Thomas.....	1 00	A L Edwards.....	1 00
Pru'ence Magill.....	1 00	J H Henry.....	1 00
Jane Brown.....	1 00	A Rickard.....	1 00
Francis Dye.....	10 00	J Williams.....	2 00
J R Surface.....	1 00	T Graham.....	1 00
W Clark.....	1 00	Lizzie Magill.....	1 00
O Osborn.....	1 00	S M Huston.....	1 00
Wm Needles.....	1 00	R B Henry.....	3 50
S H Brown.....	1 00	Dr E Logan.....	1 00
L J Correll.....	1 00	Mary Jane Jarrott.....	1 00
M J Correll.....	1 00	Lydia E Smoot.....	2 00
Joseph Frank.....	4 00	Tabitha Warren.....	5 00
J W Lanphear.....	1 00	E Jackson.....	3 00
S W Nesbit.....	1 00	G T Hillman.....	1 00

B F Richardson.....	\$5 00	J L Herr.....	\$5 00
Sarah Jury.....	5 00	A Herr.....	10 00
M B Waddy.....	5 00	C Auterbon.....	10 00
M A Blemker.....	2 00	Person of color.....	25
Collections rep'd by J S Robertson	11 65	Henry Button.....	5 00
R S Thomas.....	10 00	A Button.....	1 00
Thos Hedden.....	10 50	John Peyton.....	2 00
G W Birch.....	20 00	A N Gilbert.....	5 00
J W Crumbaugh.....	5 00	Lizzie Henshaw.....	15 00
John Varnon.....	12 50	R Sale.....	2 50
J A Sweeny.....	5 00	James Clora, jr.....	5 00
Julia Hikes.....	10 00	J S Wilhort.....	5 00
Sarah White.....	1 00	P Barber.....	10 00
F A Crump.....	5 00	J Harding.....	10 50
G W Boshaw.....	5 00	Z Clow.....	3 00
Wm Skeeme.....	5 00	P H Snider.....	5 00
J R Esterter.....	5 00	W Snider.....	5 00
T P White.....	2 00	K Clow.....	1 00
J D Guthrie.....	5 00	Moses Callender.....	50
J B Hoover.....	2 00	Thos Yager.....	5 00
John Terry.....	1 00	J H Button.....	2 50
L D Povish.....	50	M Selby.....	25
— Slaughter.....	5 00	Sarah Harding, on sub.....	2 00
H S Buckner.....	1 00	W A Harding, on sub.....	5 00
S J Dodd.....	1 00	Cash.....	6 30
E Stone.....	5 00	P Kirtly.....	5 00
D E Starks.....	1 00	Ruth Terry.....	1 00
E L Huffman.....	5 00	Susan Parmington.....	1 00
S G Henry.....	5 00	Mary Gatewood.....	1 00
Cash.....	2 00	Matilda Evans.....	50
W B Wilson.....	5 00	Ellen Ritter.....	50
Dr R Vaughn.....	2 00	Sarah Feband.....	50
R Skeeme.....	5 00	Cash.....	1 45
Miss Summers.....	50	D Fible.....	5 00
G Dodge.....	5 00	G W Nickols.....	5 00
G C Castleman.....	5 00	Eld S H King.....	3 00
J P Torbitt.....	5 00	R P Bowman.....	50
Samuel Castleman.....	2 00	L Lowen.....	1 00
Orlena Dorsey.....	1 00	Rebecca Douglas, on sub.....	1 00
Wm Osborne.....	1 00	J H Sister.....	5 00
P Thomas, on sub.....	5 00	Cash.....	1 00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Church in Owasso, Michigan.....	\$8 07
“ Petersburg, Ky., on Vawter's pledge.....	2 00
“ Hannibal, Mo., per Wm. Hatch.....	20 00
“ Christian Union, Ind., per Sam'l Mathers.....	7 50
“ Independence, Missouri.....	9 30
“ Paris, “.....	25 25
“ Liberty, “.....	10 05
“ Wellington, “ per H. H. Haley.....	23 00
“ Columbus, “ per H S Earl.....	10 70
“ Glasgow, “ per J. W. Cox.....	10 00
“ Bethany, “ per T. M. Allen.....	6 00
“ Rochepport, “.....	6 00
“ Antioch, “.....	9 00
“ Burnettsville, Ind.....	8 00
“ Madison, Ind., and others.....	52 25
“ Pleasant Ridge, Ind.....	19 00
“ Harrison, Ind.....	5 60

Church in Westville, Ind.....	\$16 50
" Little Flat Rock, Ind.....	16 65
" Fayetteville, Ind.....	4 00
" Andersonville, Ind.....	4 30
" Groves, Rush county, Ind.....	6 37
" Ben Davis's Creek, Ind.....	9 25
" Springfield, Ill.....	50 00
" Liberty, Missouri.....	13 25
" Paynesville ".....	20 00
" Fayette, ".....	6 50
" Glasgow, ".....	15 50
" Trenton, ".....	2 25
" St. Joseph, ".....	14 65
" Murfreesboro, Tennessee.....	65 00
" Dayton, Ohio.....	5 39
" Perrytown, Ohio.....	7 00
" Jeffersontown, Ky.....	6 65
" Macedonia, Ky.....	5 00
" North Middletown, Ky.....	10 10
" Bruceville, Ind.....	13 00
" Lexington, Ind.....	2 50
" Maysville, Ky.....	20 00
" Germantown, Ky.....	21 00
" Beasley Creek, Ky.....	10 00
" Mill Creek, Ky.....	10 00
" Flemingsburg, Ky.....	10 00
" Elizaville, Ky.....	10 00
" Tilton, Ky.....	8 00
" Providence, Ind.....	20 00
" Mt. Auburn, Ind.....	5 00
" Franklin, Ill.....	2 00
" Mayslick, Ky.....	25 00
" Wheeling, Va.....	20 70
" New Cumberland, Va.....	3 75
" Indianapolis, Ind.....	18 00
" Cedar Spring, Ky.....	30 00
" Jeffersontown, Ky.....	23 00
" Paducah, Ky.....	72 50
" Lafayette, Ky.....	5 25
" Lebanon.....	25 50
" Cadiz, Ky.....	39 65
" Hopkinsville.....	97 60
" Liberty.....	34 25
" Hopkinsville.....	2 50
" Euergesia.....	35 00
" Elkton.....	26 00
" Allensville.....	27 45
" Elkton.....	3 00
" Daysville.....	25 00
" Gordonsville.....	5 00
" Keysburg.....	12 56
" Berea.....	20 25
" Russellville.....	10 00
" Glasgow.....	14 50
" Pleasant Hill.....	11 50
" Shelbyville.....	36 80
" Frankfort.....	38 00
" Newcastle.....	3 50
" Hendensville.....	41 45
" Mount Eden.....	17 50
" Joptha.....	17 00

Church in Independence, Missouri.....	\$41 30
“ Liberty, “	6 00
“ Gilead, “	1 50
“ Richmond, “	6 00
“ Lexington, “	17 40
“ Brunswick, “	12 80
“ Richland, “	14 90
“ Boonsboro, “	8 30
“ Rocheport, “	4 40
“ Columbia, “	6 15
“ Millersburg, “	2 50
“ Fulton, “	12 65
“ Mexico, “	15 80
“ Paris, “	6 40
“ Bucklick, Kentucky.....	9 00
“ Lawrenceburg.....	25 00
“ Marble Creek.....	32 00
“ Midway.....	23 50
“ Grassy Springs.....	15 00
“ Versailles.....	9 75
“ Shelbyville.....	2 00
“ New Union.....	1 00
“ Versailles.....	2 00
“ Motonsville.....	8 50
“ Shelbyville.....	1 00
“ Providence.....	15 00
“ Keene.....	12 50
“ Nicholasville.....	11 00
“ Bethany.....	10 50
“ Sulphur Well.....	8 10
“ Harrodsburg.....	35 00
“ Mt. Vernon.....	2 20
“ Grape Vine.....	3 00
“ Cane Run.....	30 00
Union Church, Lafayette Co., Mo.....	10 00
Collection in St. Louis church.....	28 00
“ made by J. I. Rogers in various places.....	78 00
Church in East Smithfield, Pa.....	10 00
Sunday School in 17th street New York.....	31 00
Church in Brushy Fork, Ohio.....	2 12
Sunday School at Pleasant Ridge, Ind., on l. m. for Sup't.....	10 00
Sunday School at Frankfort, Ky.....	5 00
Antioch church, Shelby county, Ky.....	24 00
Contribution at Eminence, Ky.....	13 25
Young ladies at Eminence College.....	5 00
Mrs Ann Mendal.....	2 00
Indiana State Meeting.....	50 00
Church in Whetstone, Ohio, per J. D. Campbell.....	9 00
Sunday School in 17th street New York.....	16 00
Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.....	10 00
Co-operation meeting in Friendship, Ind.....	9 20

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in treasury at last annual report..... \$2,268 03

RECEIPTS.

Received on Life Memberships and Life Directorships.....	4,230 35
" from Annual Members and Donators.....	2,537 73
" from Auxiliary Societies.....	2,510 02
" for Jamaica Mission.....	149 25
" for Jerusalem Mission.....	165 90
" for Kansas Mission.....	33 00
" for African Mission.....	5 00
" for House in Leavenworth City.....	5,200 00
Value of Lot in Leavenworth.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$18,099 28

EXPENDITURES.

Jamaica Mission.....	1,200	}	1,850 00
House and Lot in Jamaica.....	550		
Jamaica Mission at Dallas Castle.....	100		
Jerusalem Mission.....			1,500 00
Home Missions.....			5,096 60
Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....			1,200 00
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Secretary.....			177 10
" " A. Proctor.....			15 00
" " Geo. Campbell.....			10 00
" " J. H. Cox.....			10 00
" " W. J. Pettigrew.....			40 00
Publishing Proceedings of last Convention.....			148 48
Postage, counterfeit money, discount, stationery, etc.....			88 72
Meeting House in Leavenworth City.....			5,200 00
Value of Lot in Leavenworth City.....			1,000 00
Balance in treasury.....			1,763 38
Total.....			\$18,099 28

CINCINNATI, Oct. 26, 1860.

H. S. BOSWORTH, *Rec. Sec'y.*

COMMUNICATION FROM ILLINOIS STATE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the American Christian Missionary Society, now in session in Cincinnati, Ohio :

BELOVED BRETHREN—Having been appointed by the Christian Missionary Society of the State of Illinois their delegate to meet you upon this anniversary occasion, I would state that the brethren organized said Society in the year 1856, with a special reference to the vast territory embraced in the Prairie State, which affords as fine a field for missionary effort as any part of the great Mississippi Valley. The brethren no doubt organized too many congregations for their preaching force, consequently a very large proportion of them are destitute of preaching and in a languishing condition. The means secured for missionary purposes has been very limited, but a vigorous effort is now being made to raise a fund to be appropriated to missionary work.

So far as an estimate can be made from our present data, we must have an aggregate membership of about 40,000. Some neighborhoods are well organized and have the word faithfully preached, and doing good service in the cause of our divine Master, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The brethren have kept up annual meetings since 1832, but the machinery proved too ponderous for practical purposes, and resulted in a new organization at the time just mentioned. About eight months have been devoted in raising a fund for missionary purposes, resulting in promises amounting to about \$5,000.

There is perhaps some \$4,000 promised to the American Christian Missionary Society, one half of which is now due, and perhaps may be realized the current year, as the Lord has blessed us with an abundant harvest, after submitting to three failures in our crops. Our preaching brethren, with a very few exceptions, are sound in the faith, and not ashamed or afraid to proclaim the gospel of the Son of God in its primitive simplicity and purity. During the last year we have sustained a severe loss in the death of Elder Wm. A. Young, of Charleston, Coles county, and P. H. Murphy, late President of Abingdon College. A large draft has been made upon the brethren for educational purposes, amounting in the aggregate to some \$125,000, a considerable proportion of which remains unpaid. Two of our colleges are in successful operation, and promise to be great auxiliaries to the cause of

civilization. There is now but a feeble opposition to co-operation, and that is likely to disappear entirely. It is difficult to keep any machinery in operation without some screws becoming loose and retarding its movement. But we hope, by the blessing of our heavenly Father and your prayers, to repair all damages in our religious machinery, and get under full headway upon the gospel track, regardless of all obstructions that may be thrown in our way, by false brethren or sectarian bigotry. As for compromises, we have none to make. Our motto is, "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," as revealed by our blessed Savior and his inspired Apostles, and found fully recorded upon the pages of the New Testament Scriptures.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. JONES.

FROM KENTUCKY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Kentucky Christian Missionary Society, convened in Lexington, Oct. 3, 1860, to the A. C. Missionary Society :

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN—The eleventh anniversary of our Society closed on the 5th of October ; and with the view to convey to you an expression of its fraternal sympathies with your efforts in a common cause, the following action was recorded among its minutes :

Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting prepare a letter to be sent to the approaching anniversary of the A. C. Missionary Society ; and that brethren Wm. Standiford, John I. Rogers, M. C. Tiers, Wm. Jarrott, G. W. Elley, and any others who may be in attendance, be appointed delegates to represent this Society in that meeting.

The experiences and labors of another missionary year, dear brethren, have closed with us. While we realize how partial and inadequate have been our efforts, when viewed in the light of the universal wants of sin-enslaved humanity, yet the comparative success which crowds the infant experiments of our State Mission encourages us to believe that God is with us, and to prosecute our noble work with renewed energy and zeal. Eighteen evangelists have been sustained under the auspices of our Board the past year, on an average of about six months each. They have been instrumental in adding, within that time, 1,935 souls to the body of Christ, besides organizing five new congregations and strengthening many feeble ones. Our Society has been in active operation about ten years, during which time it has expended in behalf of missions about \$27,000, and reported through the labors of its evangelists more than 12,000 souls brought within the fellowship of the

church. Yet not more than one tenth of the missionary resources of our State have been developed and brought to bear in this work. Our energies and efforts have been employed almost entirely in the destitute portions of the State. Our evangelists assure us that in some of the mountain counties, where, a few years ago, scarcely a representative of apostolic Christianity was known, in the providence of God, flourishing congregations have been built up; and hundreds of disciples mingle blessings of gratitude upon the missionary cause, with their devotions to God, and that thousands are now rejoicing in the light of truth and the hopes of eternity, who, without such timely aid, would to-day be famishing for the bread of life.

In rehearsing thus our experiences, we do not forget to sympathize with you, dear brethren, in your more general missionary efforts. We have rejoiced over your successes which have been published from time to time. May the brethren everywhere, under the holy impulses of Christian philanthropy, sustain you, until the nations of the Orient, the distant Isles of the sea, with the North and South of the New World be overspread with the knowledge of God; and the great heart of this universe throb with one impulse in the praise of the Most High. Nor do we forget to sympathize with our sister States, which are inaugurating measures to have the gospel-feast spread to the poor of their land. We welcome our brethren all, who labor for these ends, as co-operants in a common cause. Together, we would exhort them to labors and sacrifices commensurate with the grandeur and importance of the mission before them. If ours is the Christianity of the Apostles, restored in its primitive estate, this mission can be nothing less than the conquest of the world, and its subordination to the catholic principles which form the basis of our religion. We have no compromises to make or to accept, because we can not bargain away truth for error. Our policy is plain and straightforward. We must go out and "preach the gospel to every creature," until Christianity, as it was in the days of the Apostles, is installed upon the ruins of all idolatries, infidelity, apostasies and sectarianism throughout the world. Shall we remind you, beloved brethren, of the deep and impressive responsibilities of our position? With trembling and humility we would accept them, while we pray to our heavenly Father for strength and courage equal to the task before us. Our joint successes have demonstrated what may be done with fully developed resources, and urge upon us the expediency of measures to enlarge to the utmost our means and operations.

May the counsels of Divine Wisdom and the spirit of Christ guide

and influence us in all our deliberations and actions in behalf of the cause of missions, is the prayer of your brethren in the hopes of immortality.

R. C. RICE, *President*.

Z. F. SMITH, *Secretary*.

FROM MARYLAND CO-OPERATION.

DEAR BRO. ERRETT—In compliance with your request to furnish information to the A. C. Missionary Society, concerning the condition of things in our State, I send you herewith, on behalf of our State Meeting, a few items relative to the cause of Christ in the State of Maryland.

The number of members in the State, including the church in Washington City, one in Chester county, Pa., and a few brethren at one point in Virginia, as reported to our last annual meeting in February, was 767. Since that time there has been a gain of about 60 members. Number of churches, 12; number of preachers wholly engaged in the work, 3; besides these there are 5 or 6 brethren who preach acceptably in their own localities and occasionally elsewhere, who are engaged in secular avocations, whose business and circumstances do not permit them to give themselves wholly to the work. As to teachers, we have no schools under the patronage of our brethren. Seven of our congregations report Lord's day schools, with an aggregate of 500 or 600 pupils, and about 100 persons in all as superintendents, officers and teachers in these schools.

Our churches are few and rather remote from each other, and mostly feeble; yet there is a good degree of encouragement in the success attending the preaching of the word in nearly every place where a faithful effort has been made to hold forth the word of life. On behalf of our State Board, I would respectfully urge the importance of aiding the faithful band of disciples in Washington City in maintaining the cause in that city. Its position as the capital of the United States gives it an importance second to no other place in our country, and in our humble judgment a more judicious application of funds could not be made than to assist the brethren there to sustain a missionary in the city to build up the cause there.

We hope this point will receive the prayerful attention of the Society and of the Executive Board.

It will give our State Board pleasure to confer and co-operate with you in any way that we can in the great work in which you are en-

gaged ; but we find an abundant field in our own State demanding not only all our means and efforts, but rendering very acceptable any assistance, either in the way of men or means, from our more favored brethren.

With earnest prayers for the success of the cause of missions, which is the cause of Christ, I remain yours truly, E. ADAMSON, *Sec'y.*

FROM INDIANA STATE MISSIONARY MEETING.

To the American Christian Missionary Society :

BELOVED BRETHREN—Whilst we have reason to be thankful to our heavenly Father for the success which has attended the labors of our brethren in bringing precious souls into the fold of Christ and preserving the lives of all our prominent faithful evangelists in Indiana, during the past year, and for the manifest increase of zeal for God and the salvation of men in many parts of our State, we have to regret that the energies of the brotherhood having been almost exclusively devoted to the work of the Lord within our own borders, our contribution to aid in farthering the objects of your Society is so meagre.

Our Board of Managers has ordered to be forwarded you at your present anniversary the amount of contributions through the Indiana Missionary State Meeting for the Jamaica Mission the sum of \$42,00 ; and the amount contributed for Foreign Missions, \$8,00 ; which the Board has ordered to be applied to the Jamaica Mission ; making together the sum of fifty dollars ; which will be handed you by Bro. J. M. Tilford.

Having through the agency of Bro. Goodwin, who has during the last year acted as our General Agent and Corresponding Secretary, aroused an interest in behalf of missions generally, and having secured the services of another brother in the same work for the coming year, we hope hereafter to be able to do more than we have yet done.

We have no means of ascertaining the number added to the fold of Christ in our State during the past year, but enough is known to warrant us in saying that it has been unusually large ; united efforts by churches and evangelists have seldom been made that have not been blessed with success.

The number reported at the late annual session of our State meeting was about 20,000, which we suppose to be about one third the aggregate of our brotherhood in the State.

May the Divine blessing rest upon you and crown your efforts with success.

J. M. BRAMWELL, *Sec'y.*

REPORT FROM BRO. BEARDSLEE.

ELDER ISAAC ERRETT, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AMERICAN CHRISTIAN
MISSIONARY SOCIETY :

Dear Brother—I wrote you in my last that I was about visiting a new point in the Port Royal Mountains. I went up at the time appointed and found two persons ready for baptism, which I administered on Lord's day morning. I preached at 4 P. M. to a congregation of about forty persons, at the residence of our sister, after which we "broke bread." Twelve, I think, sat down with us on that occasion, chiefly members of Baptist churches, and all united in giving the newly baptized a welcome into the kingdom of Christ. The people were much pleased, and anxious to have me come again. Before I left the place two others decided to give themselves to the Lord, and there are now, I understand, several more anxiously awaiting my return to be baptized. I visit them again on the last Lord's day of this month. There seems every prospect of another church being established shortly in that locality.

The cause is onward at Dallas Castle. Four have been added from the Baptists and two by immersion, since my last report. Bro. Crole is waxing bold in the faith, and the church seems to be making pleasing progress under his teaching. I hope something will be sent him soon, as he is really in need. We are doing what we can in the mean time.

In Kingston we have had one baptism and six additions from the native Baptists. Since my last annual report we have had thirty additions, as follows :

Wesleyans.....	7
Established Church.....	4
Baptists.....	10
The world.....	9
	—
Total.....	30
Excluded 1, death 1, removed 1.....	3
	—
Nett increase.....	27

A new church has been organized at Dallas Castle, Port Royal Mountains, 12 miles from Kingston. Twenty-three have since been added and two excluded, making the present number 37. Two have been baptized at Mocha at another point in the Port Royal Mountains,

who will be reckoned as belonging to us in Kingston, till a church is organized in that quarter. This makes our total nett increase 66.

By invitation of some months' standing from a Baptist brother, I made a tour into the parish of Vere, 40 miles from Kingston, to assist at his missionary meetings. I made my arrangements to be absent over one Lord's day, that I might improve any opening that should offer, to proclaim the ancient gospel. Of this the brother who invited me seemed very glad and gave me the largest of four congregations under his supervision to speak to. In the morning I gave the scriptural-answer to the inquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" A deep interest was manifested, and I told the congregation that, by their minister's leave, I would, in the evening, give them an opportunity to manifest their desire for salvation, and to comply with the terms proposed, and wished them to consider the matter. In the evening I preached on the "new name," when the minister was present. He had previously expressed, in private conversation, his entire satisfaction with the views I had presented, and though he said it had never struck him before that the term "Baptist" was unscriptural, as applied to a church, he now saw it clearly and was resolved to put it aside. When the discourse was concluded, I asked him to express his sentiments to the congregation. He arose and publicly declared his full conviction of the truth of what he had heard—renounced the name Baptist for that of Christian, and said that henceforth it was his determination to be guided by the Bible alone in all his teaching and practice. I then spoke to the congregation, and when asked if willing to adopt the sentiments they had heard to manifest it by rising, not one remained sitting. This was followed by another invitation to such as were ready now "to put on Christ," when five came forward and made the good confession. A sixth followed us to the house and begged the privilege of going with the rest. The brother having expressed his willingness to adopt the primitive practice, said he would baptize the candidates the following morning. The six were accordingly baptized on Monday morning in the presence of a large crowd. It was an intensely interesting occasion—a glorious triumph of the cause of truth, being probably the first baptism without an "experience" in that quarter—perhaps I may safely say, in the Baptist ranks in this Island.

But this was not all. Two other Baptist ministers—one a native, and the other an English missionary—who were present at the missionary meetings, had their hearts opened to receive the truth, and I be-

lieve are quite prepared to take the Bible name and to adopt the apostolic plan of initiating souls into the kingdom of Christ.

The Baptist missionaries are not aided by the Missionary Board. This has rendered it necessary for each minister to have the care of several stations, in order to obtain a support. The brother who labors in Vere, as already intimated, has four stations. No two of them are less than six or eight miles apart. One Lord's day to each, monthly, is all the minister is able to supply. The total membership is about 300, who furnish but a scanty support for one man. At three of the stations, at least, a teacher is wanted. There is a dense population around them, a wide field for missionary effort. For want of adequate support for himself and to procure suitable persons as teachers and helpers in the work, the brother has been seriously contemplating a removal, having received an invitation from another quarter where his wants would be better supplied. From what I saw and heard of the parish, I strongly urged the brother to remain. Could he be retained there, I believe all the stations would soon fall in with the ancient gospel, and a great work would be thus accomplished.

I took pains to ascertain, as nearly as possible, what would be required for the successful working of the stations, and should say that \$300 per annum, added to what would be received from the people, the present minister, and three teachers, who would be assistant missionaries and helpers in the churches, could be sustained. I have on a former occasion stated that circumstances like the present were likely to occur, and proposed the query whether any thing would be allowed by the Board to aid the cause in this way. It appears to me that money could not be more judiciously expended. Can the Board hold out any encouragement in this direction? This Island ought to be evangelized—converted to the ancient gospel—in a few years, and would require but a small outlay of money, comparatively, as I believe the men can be found here to do the work, with two or three to lead the way.

It may be interesting to you and the brotherhood to know a little of the history of Bro. Angus Duckett—the brother stationed in Vere. He was brought up among the Baptists in this Island, being a native, and at an early age became a teacher and assistant missionary. He was sent out under the auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society, as a missionary to the west coast of Africa, where he remained between three and four years, till his health compelled him to return to Jamaica. He then spent two years at the Baptist Theological Institution in the Island,

and with the entire confidence of his tutor and the Baptist brotherhood, was recommended to the churches. He has thus far sustained himself to the entire satisfaction of his brethren, and is respected by all parties. He would be a valuable acquisition to the cause of primitive Christianity; and though I believe wherever he may go he will adhere to the sentiments he has avowed, his relative position, in his present locality, could he be retained there, would be peculiarly favorable to his own advancement and to the interests of the cause. Next him is the brother already named, the English missionary, who ministers to five congregations. They would strengthen each other's hands, and would both be glad of my services whenever I could render them.

I know other localities where, with but a small amount of labor, entire congregations could be won over to the truth, but I am kept from visiting them, for want of means to furnish them with suitable teachers, without which the gain of numbers would eventually prove a loss to the cause.

As this may be the last report that will reach you in time for the October Convention, I have given the foregoing details for presentation at that time, or, if published before, might prepare the brethren to act in behalf of Jamaica. Judging from the results attendant upon the small amount of labor bestowed upon the evangelizing work, I am satisfied that if enabled to engage in it more largely, the cause would spread with vastly greater rapidity, as every new point gained becomes a radiating center for the region around.

I remain yours in the service of Christ,

J. O. BEARDSLEE.

Kingston, Jamaica, W. I., Aug. 15, 1860.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, W. I., Sept. 7, 1860.

Dear Brother—Though my last report embraced a large portion of the month of August, I will, for regularity's sake, write again at the usual time. I am happy to have, even for the two or three weeks that have elapsed, something favorable to communicate. Since writing you, I have made the proposed second visit to Mocha, where I spent the last two Lord's days and the intervening week, that I might become better acquainted with the locality and its wants. On the morning of the first Lord's day, as the fruit of my former visit, five were baptized. The same day one united with us from the Baptists. On the second Lord's day we had a Christian service at 11 A. M. and preaching at 4 P. M. At the close of the evening service two made the good confession, but their baptism is delayed, as the health of one of them, and

other circumstances at the time, seemed to make it prudent to do so. From what I saw and learnt of the locality, it seemed highly desirable to establish regular services at Mocha, as we may reckon now eleven members there, including our sister from Kingston, and others will soon come in.

Bro. Crole reports one addition at Dallas Castle on the last Lord's day.

We have also had one added in Kingston, which we may record as a marked gospel triumph. A most excellent sister, who was baptized in Hayti some years ago, and subsequently came to Jamaica, finding the Baptists in a state of confusion, united with the Wesleyans. She was soon made a leader in that connection, and her husband a leader and local preacher. Some years had elapsed, and all was going on in the usual course, till my return to the Island. As soon as this sister learnt of our proceedings, her heart was drawn towards us, and before she had opened her mind to us, she intimated to her class her wish to join us. Through their importunity, and the appearance of a domestic and ecclesiastical storm, she was induced to remain. Subsequently, having attended our services a few times, she became thoroughly convinced that it was her duty to come out on the Bible platform, and made known her intention of doing so to her husband and others. On this the storm broke forth—husband, fellow leaders, preachers, all set upon her with menaces, entreaties, etc., but on Lord's day two weeks ago she came boldly forward, though her husband as she left her house said to her, "This is the last day we spend together." She meekly replied, "The will of the Lord be done," and nobly took up her cross. Her husband treats her very coldly, but has not attempted to carry out his threat. This will prove a hard blow upon the "Wesleyan branch."

I have just received a letter from Bro. Duckett in Vere. He writes, "I am glad to tell you that the good work, which made its appearance when you helped us here, continues to progress with increasing interest. We baptized nine last Sabbath (Lord's day), in the same stream where we baptized the six when you were here. The company in attendance was larger than any since I have been baptizing in the parish. We spent a most solemn day after. The chapel was crowded. I hope to baptize six more on the coming Lord's day at Water Lane (Enon), and two on the following Lord's day, at Elim. I would have been glad had you been with us; but the Master helped us.

"I think, God helping me, (should I remain here,) I shall hold my missionary meetings at Hayes and Enon about the middle of December,

and shall be most happy would you help us then. The people would be glad of it. I can not give expression to my feeling of thankfulness for your help. May the Lord spare you long and make you prosperous in your good work."

I have given the above extract to show that my expectations from that quarter are beginning to be realized, and the importance of my being in a position to attend to such calls. Over twenty souls have ere this, probably, been introduced into the kingdom, who but for my late visit as an humble instrument, might have lingered for months and years, under the old system, and some, perchance, passed away in ignorance of the Savior's requirements. It shows, too, that our brother is entering heartily into the work, and redeeming the pledge he gave when I was there. I hope the Board will be able to comply with suggestions made in my last letter, and thus secure Bro. D.'s services to the cause in that quarter.

Bro. Crole will need \$200 for the coming year, in addition to the amount that will be obtained from the people, which will be but small. He ought to remain among the people, and if suitably sustained, might divide his time between Dallas Castle and Mocha, and would soon, I think, get up another station in that Parish.

There are two married men (natives) now in the employ of the Established Church, who have spoken to me about baptism, and will, I think, soon be baptized. They would both be very useful as teachers and assistant missionaries. In view of the prospect before us, and the laborers at command, I can not ask for less than \$2,000 for Jamaica for the coming year. Will dear brethren whom God has blessed with means, help to reap the golden harvest?

Praying that the blessing of the God of missions may rest on the forthcoming convention, and on all who are laboring for the universal spread of the Redeemer's kingdom, I remain yours in the service of Christ,

J. O. BEARDSLEE.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, W. I., Oct. 1, 1860.

Dear Brother—Once more I sit down to record the tokens of our Father's love and favor, which he has been pleased to bestow upon us during the past month. Of health, I and mine have enjoyed a comfortable measure, in the midst of much prevailing sickness. We have also had a degree of success in our labors that has caused our hearts to rejoice, in the midst of what others call "great spiritual dearth."

I mentioned in my last having taken the confession of two persons

at Mocha, whose baptism was put off. Two weeks after I returned and spent another Lord's day, when two more, the wife and sister of one of the former candidates, came forward, and the four were baptized together. I have baptized eight in Kingston during the last two weeks, and two have united from the Baptists. This makes 14 additions during the month, not including Dallas Castle, from which I have not had a definite report, though I have heard of some additions there. Bro. Duckett from Vere sends me word of continued prosperity in that quarter, and it is arranged that I make them another visit at the end of the year, all being well.

Our sister Haig is suffering much persecution still from her husband. He has latterly detained her from coming to our meetings and declares that if she persists in remaining in connection with us he will go to Hayti and leave her to take care of herself. She is quite firm and strong in the belief that he will soon see things differently. The whole Methodist fraternity are astir. One of those recently received has been a prominent leader among them for the last seven years. They have been trying hard to devise some "method" of preventing the people from coming to us, but with poor success. It is a great annoyance to have a class broken up every few weeks, and to look after new leaders. The Lord being our helper, they shall have enough more of that sort to do.

Wouldn't some good brother, or congregation, like to send me \$50 for the purchase of a missionary horse? It is highly important to have one now to enable us to supply our mountain stations regularly, and that I may attend to other calls with a view to enlarging our sphere of operations. There are brethren here able and willing to do good service in proclaiming the gospel, but can not keep horses of their own. They would assist in the expense of keeping, if we had one at our disposal.

I remain yours in the service of Christ,

J. O. BEARDSLEE.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

"He that winneth souls is wise"—PROV. XI. 30.

The Missionary cause, in its conception and inception, is a rudimental and organic element of the constitution of the universe. It is older than the material universe. It is celebrated by Job—the oldest poet on the pages of time. Jehovah challenges Job to answer him a few questions on the institutions of the universe. "Gird up now thy loins," said he, "and I will demand of thee a few responses. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who has fixed the measures thereof? if thou knowest. Or who has stretched the line upon it? What are the foundations thereof? Who has laid the corner-stone thereof? When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Who shut up the sea with doors when it burst forth issuing from the womb of eternity? When I made a cloud its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, I appointed its limits, saying, Thus far shalt thou come, but no farther; and here shall the pride of thy waves be stayed.

"Has the rain a father? Who has begotten the drops of the dew? Who was the mother of the ice? And the hoar frost of heaven, who has begotten it? Can mortal man bind the bands of the Seven Stars, or loose the chords of Orion? Can he bring forth and commission the twelve signs of the Zodiac, or bind Arcturus the bear with his seven sons?

"Knowest thou, O man, the missionaries of the starry heavens? Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou command the lightnings so that they may say to thee, Here we are? Who can number the clouds in wisdom? Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven upon the thirsty fields?"

If such be a single page in the volume of God's physical missionaries, what must be its contents could we, by the telescope of an angel, survey one single province of the universe of universes which occupy topless, bottomless, boundless space!!

We have so much data in biblical statements and in the phenomena of the material universe, as to authorize the assumption that *the missionary idea, in perfect and complete conception, circumscribes and permeates the entire area of all creation.*

Need we inquire into the meaning of a celestial title given to the ten-antries of the heaven of heavens? But you all, my Christian brethren, know it. You anticipate men. The sweet poet of Israel told you long since, in his sixty-eighth ode, that the chariots of God are twenty thousand thousands of angels.*

* This is an exact literal version of *Rebotayim alpheh shenan*. The Targum says: The chariots of God are two myriads—and two thousand angels draw them. A myriad is 10,000—two myriads, 20,000: "To know this," Adam Clarke says "we must die."

And what is an angel but a *messenger*—a *missionary*? Hence the seven angels of the seven churches in Asia were seven missionaries, or messengers, *sent to* John in his exile: and *by these* John wrote letters to the seven congregations in Asia.

Figuratively, God makes the winds and lightnings his angels, his messengers of wrath or of mercy, as the case may be.

But we are a missionary society. A society assembled from all points of the compass—assembled, too, we hope, in the missionary spirit, which is the spirit of Christianity in its primordial conception. God himself instituted it. Moses is the oldest missionary whose name is inscribed on the rolls of time. He was born in Egypt, three thousand four hundred and ninety-five years ago. His name is monumental. He was in perfect infancy lodged in a cradle of bulrushes. His sister, under God, was his guardian angel. Pharaoh's daughter heard his wailings as she enjoyed her sunny bath in the river Nile. He was then three months old. By a special providence he was nourished in his own mother's bosom, in the very palace of his intended destroyer—"instructed, too, in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," as the heir apparent of the royalty of Egypt.

When forty years old, moved by a divine intimation, he undertook the emancipation of his own people. He married Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, or Ruel, a prince and a priest of Midian; then residing in Arabia Petrea. He became a shepherd and kept his flocks in the vicinity of Mt. Horeb, or Sinai, for another forty years. On Mt. Sinai the Lord was pleased to make him the redeemer of Israel from the yoke of Pharaoh. He retained his mental vigor for another forty years, and died, the most memorable, the most honorable, and the most famous man in the world, at the age of one hundred and twenty years. His name and character will continue as long as the sun, as the purest of men and the greatest of lawgivers and princes whose name and fame are inscribed on the rolls of time.

He was the first divine missionary; and if we except John the Baptist, he was the second in rank and character to the Lord Messiah himself.

Angels and *missionaries* are rudimentally but two names for the same officers. Indeed, God is said to make "the winds his *angels*"—and a flame of fire "his *minister* of wrath." But of the Incarnate Word—his only begotten Son—he says, "Thou art my Son, the beloved, in whom I delight." And in immediate connection he commands the world of humanity to hearken to him. He was, indeed, superlatively God's own special Ambassador extraordinary, invested with all power in heaven and on earth—a true, a real, an everlasting Plenipotentiary, having vested in him all the rights of God and all the rights of man. And were not all the angels of heaven placed under him as his missionaries, sent forth to minister to him and to his Apostles?

His commission, given to the twelve Apostles, is a splendid and, to us, a most beatific and glorious commission. Its preamble is wholly unprecedented—"All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me."

In pursuance thereof, he gave commission to his Apostles, saying: "Go, convert all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always—even to the end of the world." Angels, apostles and evangelists were placed at his command, and by him commissioned as his ambassadors to the world.

The missionary institution, we repeat, is older than Adam, older than the creation of our earth. It is coeval with the origin of angels. Their name itself is an official name.

Satan had been expelled from heaven before Adam was created. His assault upon our mother Eve, by an incarnation in the most subtle animal in the area of Paradise, is positive proof of the intensity of his malignity to God and to man. He, too, has his missionaries, in the whole area of humanity. Michael and his angels or missionaries are, and long have been, in conflict against the Devil and his missionaries. The battle, in this our planet, is yet in progress, and, therefore, missionaries are in perpetual demand. Michael and his angels are still in conflict with the Devil and his angels. Hence the necessity incumbent on us to carry on this warfare as loyal subjects of the Hero of our redemption.

The Christian armory is well supplied with all the weapons essential to the conflict. We need them all. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in the regions of the air." Hence the need of having our "loins girded with the truth;" having on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation to publish the gospel of peace; taking the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit—the word of God—always praying and making supplication for our fellow missionaries.

The missionary fields are numerous and various. They are specifically domestic and foreign. The harvest is great in both. The laborers are still few, comparatively very few, in either of them. Bethany College and church are annually sending out a few. But the supply is not a tithe of the demand. The Macedonian cry—"Come over and help us"—"send us an evangelist"—"send us missionaries"—"the fields are large, the people are desirous, anxious to hear the original gospel"—"what can you do for us?" Nothing! Nothing!! My brethren, ought this so to be?

Schools for the prophets are wanting. But there is a too general apathy or indifference on the subject. *We pray* to the Lord of the harvest to send out reapers to gather it into his garner. But what *do we*, besides *praying* for it? Do we work for it? Suppose a farmer should pray to the Lord for an abundant harvest next year, and should never, in seed time, turn over one furrow, nor scatter one handful of seed, what would we think of him? Would not his neighbors regard him as a monomaniac or a simpleton? And wherein does he excel such a one in wisdom or in prudence, who prays to the Lord to send out reapers, missionaries or evangelists to gather a harvest of souls, when he

himself never gives a dollar to a missionary, or the value of it, to enable him to go into the field? Can such a person be in earnest, or have one sincere desire in his heart to effect such an object or purpose? We must confess that we could have no faith either in his head or in his heart. We much regret to entertain the opinion and still more to express it, that we can not regard him in any other light than as a simpleton or an hypocrite. Should a farmer in the spring never break up one furrow nor cast out one handful of seed, fall upon his knees and pray the Lord to send him a fruitful harvest in due season, what would we think or say of him? Could we regard him as *compos mentis*? Of self-disposing mind and memory?

The heavenly missionaries require neither gold nor silver—neither food nor raiment. No so the earthly missionaries. They have themselves always, and sometimes their wives and children, demanding food and clothing, to say nothing of house and furniture. Their present home is not

“The gorgeous city, garnished like a bride,
Where Christ for spouse expected is to pass,
With walls of jasper compass’d on each side,
And streets all pav’d with gold, more bright than glass.”

If such were the missionary’s home on earth, he might indeed labor gratuitously all the days of his life. But sometimes yonder in an humble cottage, rather in an unsightly cabin, we sometimes see the wife of his youth, in as quite unsightly garments as those of her undecorated children, impatiently “waiting their sire’s return, to climb his knees the envied kiss to share.” But when the supper table was spread, what a beggarly account of almost empty plates and dishes! Whose soul would not sicken at such a sight? I have twice, if not thrice, in days long gone by, when traveling on one or two of my early missionary tours over not the poorest lands nor the poorest settlements either, witnessed some such cases, and heard of more. I was then my own missionary, with the consent, however, of one church. I desired to mingle with all classes of religious society, that I might personally and truthfully know, not the theories, but the facts and the actualities of the Christian ministry, and the so-called Christian public. I spent a considerable portion of my time during the years 1812, 13, 14, 15, 16, traveling throughout Western Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. I then spent seven years in reviewing my past studies, and in actual teaching languages and sciences. After which I extended my evangelical labors into other States and communities, that I might still more satisfactorily apprehend and appreciate the *status* or the actual condition of the nominally and professed religious or Christian world.

Having shortly after my baptism connected myself with the Baptist people, and attending their associations as often as I could, I became more and more penetrated with the conviction that theory had usurped the place of faith, and that consequently human institutions had been more or less substituted for the apostolic and the divine.

During this period of investigation, I had the pleasure of forming an intimate acquaintance with sundry Baptist ministers, East and West,

as well as with the ministry of other denominations. Flattering prospects of usefulness on all sides then, indeed, began to expand before me and to inspire me with the hope of achieving a long-cherished object—doing some good in the advocacy of the primitive and apostolic gospel. Having, in the year 1820, a discussion on the subject of the first positive institution enacted by the Lord Messiah, and again, in 1823, another on the same subject. The former more especially on the *subject* and *action* of Christian baptism; the latter more emphatically on the *design* of that institution, though including the former two.

These discussions, more or less, embraced the rudimental elements of the whole Christian institution, and gave to the public in general a bold relief outline of the whole genius, spirit, letter and doctrine of the gospel. Its missionary spirit, though not formally propounded, was yet impliedly indicated, in these discussions; because this institution was the terminus of the missionary work. It was a component element of the gospel, as clearly indicated in the commission of the enthroned Messiah. Its preamble is the superlative fact of the whole Bible. We regret, indeed, much regret, that this most sublime and ostensible preamble has been so much lost sight of even by the present living generation. If we ask the pulpits when the church of Jesus Christ began, or when the reign of the heavens commenced, the overwhelming multitude of their incumbents, in what is usually called Christendom, will make it either contemporaneous with the ministry of John the Harbinger, or with the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

By the great mass of Christendom, the inquisitive will find one of these two opinions almost universally entertained. The Baptists are generally much attached to John the Baptist. The Pedobaptists to the commencement of Christ's public ministry. John the Baptist was the first Christian missionary with a very considerable class of living Baptists. The birth of Christ is the most popular and orthodox theory, at the respective meridians of Lutheranism, Calvinism and Arminianism. But by the intelligent and most perspicuous, the Resurrection, or the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, is more generally regarded as the definite commencement of the Christian age or institution. Give us Paul's or Peter's testimony against all theologians, living or dead. Let us look at the facts. Did not the Savior teach his personal pupils, or disciples, to pray, "*Thy kingdom* [more truthfully *thy REIGN*] *come?*" Does any king's reign or kingdom commence with his birth? Still less with his death! Did not our Savior himself, in person, decline the honors of a worldly or temporal prince? Did he not declare that his kingdom "*is not of this world?*" Did he not say he was going hence, or leaving this world, to *receive* or to obtain a kingdom? And were not *the keys of the kingdom* first given to Peter to open it, to announce it? And did he not, first of all men—when in Jerusalem, on the first Pentecost after the ascension of the Lord Jesus—make a public proclamation, saying, "*Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God himself has made* [or constituted] *the identical Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary, both the Lord and the Christ, or the Lord Anointed?*"

Do kings reign before they are crowned, before they are anointed or christed? There was not a *Christian* on earth, or any man called a *Christian*, until after the consecration and coronation of Jesus of Nazareth, as *the Christ* of God.

The era of a son's birth was never, since the world began, the era of his reign, or of the commencement of it. It is a strange fact—to me a wonderful fact, and, considering the age in which we live, an overwhelming fact—that we, as a community, are the only people on the chequered map of all Christendom—Greek, Roman, Anglican, or American—that preach and teach that the commonly called Christian era is not the era or commencement of the Christian church or kingdom of the Lord Jesus, *the Christ*.

The kingdom of the Christ could not antedate his coronation. Hence Peter, in announcing his coronation, after his ascension, proclaimed, saying, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God *has made* [*touton ton Ieesoun*] the same [*the identical*] Jesus whom you have crucified, *both Lord and Christ*;" or, in other words, has crowned him the legitimate *Lord of all*. Then, indeed, his reign began. Then was verified the oracle uttered by the sweet and royal bard of Israel: "Jehovah said to my Jehovah"—or, "the Lord said to my Lord"—"Sit thou on my right hand till I make thy foes thy footstool." Hence he could say, and did say, to his Apostles, "All authority in the heavens and on the earth is given to me." In pursuance thereof, "Go you into all the world, proclaim the gospel to the whole creation, assuring them that every one who believes this proclamation and is immersed into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, shall be saved." Here, then, the missionary field is declared to be the whole world—the broad earth. They were, as we are afterward informed, to begin at the first capital in the land of Judea; then to proceed to Samaria, the capital of the ten tribes, and thence to the last domicile of man on earth.

There was, and there is still, in all this arrangement, a gracious and a glorious propriety. The Jews had murdered the Messiah, under the false charge of an impostor. Was it not, then, divinely grand and supremely glorious to make this awfully blood-stained capital the beginning—the splendid theater, the fountain of the gospel age and mission! Hence it was decreed that all the earth should be the parish, and all the nations and languages of earth the objects, and millions of them the subjects, of the redeeming grace and tender mercies of our Savior and our God.

What an extended and still extending area is the missionary field! There are the four mighty realms of Pagandom, of Papaldom, of Mahometandom, and of ecclesiastic Sectariandom. These are, one and all, essentially and constitutionally more or less not of the apostolic Christianity.

Its divinely inspired constitution contains only *seven* articles. These are the seven hills—not of Rome, but of the true Zion of Israel's God. Paul's summary of them is found in the following words: "*One body,*

one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all."

The clear perception, the grateful reception, the cordial entertainment, and the public confession of these seven divinely constructed and instituted pillars, are the alone sufficient and all-sufficient foundation—the indestructible basis of Christ's kingdom on this earth; and of man's spiritual and eternal salvation in the full enjoyment of himself, his Creator, his Redeemer, and the whole universe of spiritual intelligences through all the circles and the cycles of an infinite, an everlasting future of being and blessedness. May we not say—

"A hope so great and so divine,
May trials well endure,
And purify our souls from sense and sin,
As Christ himself is pure!"

The missionary spirit is, indeed, an emanation of the whole Godhead. God the Father sent his Son, his only begotten Son, into our world. The Son sent the Holy Spirit to bear witness through his twelve missionaries—the consecrated and Heaven-inspired Apostles. They proclaimed the glad tidings of great joy to all people—to the Jews, to the Samaritans, to the Gentiles, of all nations, kindreds and tongues. They gave in solemn charge to others to sound out and to proclaim the glad tidings of great joy to all people. And need we ask, is not the Christian church itself, in its own institution and constitution, virtually and essentially a *missionary institution*? Does not Paul formally state to the Thessalonians in his first epistle, that from them sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place?

No man can really or truthfully enjoy the spiritual, the soul-stirring, the heart-reviving, the spirit-aggrandizing blessings, honors and felicities of the Christian institution and kingdom, who does not intelligently, cordially and efficiently espouse the missionary cause. In other words, he must feel, he must have compassion *for* his fellow man; and still farther, he must practically sympathize *with* him in communicating to his spiritual necessities, as well as to his physical wants and infirmities. The beau ideal of all perfection—our blessed and blissful Redeemer—went about continually doing good, to both the souls and the bodies of his fellow men; healing all that were, in body, soul, or spirit, oppressed by Satan—the enemy of God and of man.

Still, our beau ideal of an evangelical and spiritual philanthropist who goes about continually doing good to the souls of men, is the grand climax of humanity. It is not necessary to this idea or end that he should occupy the pulpit. There are, as we conceive, myriads of Christian men in the private walks of life, who never aspired to the "sacred desk," that will far outshine, in eternal glory and blessedness, hosts of the Reverends, the boasted and the boastful Right Reverend occupants of the sacred desks of this our day and generation.

But Solomon has furnished our motto—"He that winneth [or taketh] souls is wise;" Prov. xi. 30. Was he not the wisest of men, the most potent, and the richest of kings that ever lived? He had, therefore,

all the means and facilities of acquiring what we call *knowledge*—the knowledge of men and things—and consequently the *value* of men and things was legitimately within the *area* of his understanding; or, in this case, we might prefer to say, with all propriety, within the area of his comprehension.

Need I say that comprehension incomparably transcends apprehension? Simpletons may apprehend, but only wise men can comprehend any thing. Solomon's rare gift was, that both his apprehension and his comprehension transcended those of all other men, and gave him a perspicacity and promptitude of decision never before or since possessed by any man. His oracles, indeed, were the oracles of God. But God especially gave to him a power and opportunity of making one grand experiment and development for the benefit of his living contemporaries, and of all posterity, to whom God presents his biography, his Proverbs, and his Ecclesiastes.

"The winning of souls" is, therefore, the richest and best business, trade, or calling, according to Solomon, ever undertaken or prosecuted by mortal man. Paul was fully aware of this, and therefore had always in his eye a "triple crown"—"a crown of righteousness," a "crown of life," a "crown of glory." And even in this life he had "a crown of rejoicing," in prospect of an exceeding and eternal weight of glory, imperishable in the heavens. May it not on such premises be well and truthfully said, "Godliness is profitable in all respects, having promise of the life that now is, and also of that which is to come?"

There is, too, a present reward, a present pleasure, a present joy and peace which the wisdom, and the riches, and the dignity, and the glory, and the honors of this world never did, never can, and consequently never will confer, on its most devoted and persevering votaries.

There is, indeed, a lawful and an honorable covetousness which any and every Christian man and woman may cultivate and cherish. Dr. Young had a very just conception of it. He said:

"Thou shalt not covet, is a wise command,
But bounded by the wealth the sun surveys;
Look farther, that command stands quite reversed,
And avarice is a virtue most divine."

Paul himself justifies the poetic license, when he says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts." The best gifts in his horizon, however, were those which, when duly cultivated and employed, confer the greatest amount of profit and felicity upon others. We should, indeed, desire, even covet, the means and the opportunities of beatifying and aggrandizing one another with the true riches, the honors, and the dignities that appertain to the spiritual, the heavenly, and the eternal inheritance.

But we need not propound to your consideration or inquiry the claims—the paramount, the transcendent claims—which our enjoyment of the gospel and its soul-cheering, soul-animating, soul-enrapturing influences present to us as arguments and motives to extend and to animate its proclamation by every instrumentality and means which we can legitimately employ, to present it in all its attractions and claims upon the understanding, the conscience, and the affections of our con-

temporaries, in our own country and in all others ; as far as our most gracious and bountiful Benefactor affords the means and the opportunities of co-operating with him, in the rescue and recovery of our fellow men ; who, without such means and efforts, must for ever perish, as aliens and enemies, in heart and in life, to God and to his divinely commissioned ambassador—the glorious Messiah.*

Brethren, we have, moreover, another argument for you of great moral and evangelical power. It is, indeed, rather invidious in the esteem of many of our contemporaries. It is, with some of them at least, a species of arrogance on our part to assert it ; and still more to urge it on their attention. But, nevertheless, it is upon us a paramount duty. We plead for the original, apostolic gospel and its positive institutions, however invidious it may seem in some eyes. If the great Apostles—Peter and Paul—the former to the Jews, and the latter to the Gentiles, announced the true gospel of the grace of God, shall we hesitate a moment on the propriety and the necessity, divinely imposed upon us, of preaching the same gospel which they preached, and in advocating the same institutions which they established, under the plenary inspiration and direction of the Holy Spirit ? Can we improve upon their institutions and enactments ? What means that singular imperative precept, enunciated by the evangelical prophet Isaiah, chapter 8th, “*Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples ?*” What were its antecedents ? Hearken ! The Prophet had just foretold. He, the subject of this oracle, viz : “THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS,” was coming to be a sanctuary ; but not a sanctuary alone ; but for a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense (as at this day) to both the houses of Israel ; for a gin, and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

He adds, “And many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared and be taken.” And then immediately adds : “Bind up the testimony and seal the law among my disciples ;” and still farther, to commend the testimony and to guard it, he adds, “If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

It is the glory, the honor, and the felicity of the Christian church to be the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and the life everlasting to multitudes, “dead in trespasses and in sins.” The church is the bride, her Savior is the bridegroom, and therefore their offspring is of God.

The church, therefore, of right is, and ought to be, a great missionary society. Her parish is the whole earth—from sea to sea, and from the Euphrates to the last domicil of man.

But the crowning and consummating argument of the missionary cause has not yet been fully presented. It, indeed, antedates time and permeates not merely the present, but an indefinite, an infinite, an everlasting future. There is but one word, in the languages of earth, that

* We may with all truthfulness affirm, that the conservative elements or principles of the material, the moral, and the spiritual universe are embodied and secured in the institutions which God has ordained.

fully indicates it. And that word indicates neither less nor more than what is represented—literally, exactly, perspicuously represented by the word *philanthropy*. But this being a Greek word, needs, perhaps, in some cases, an exact definition. And to make it memorable we will preface it with the statement of the fact, that this word is found but twice in the Greek original New Testament, Acts xxviii. 2, and Titus iii. 4. In the former, common version, translated “*kindness* ;” and in the second, “*love toward man*.” Literally and exactly, *the love of man*, objectively ; but more fully expressed, *the love of one to another*.

The love of God to man is one form of philanthropy ; *the love of angels to man* is another form of philanthropy ; and *the love of man to man*, as such, is the true philanthropy of the law. It is not the love of one man to another man, because of favors received from him ; this is only gratitude. It is not the love of one man to another man, because of a common country—this is mere patriotism. It is not the love of man to man, because of a common ancestry—this is a mere natural affection. But it is the love of man to man, merely because he is *a man*. This is true philanthropy. Such was the love of God to man as exhibited in the gift of his dearly beloved Son, as a sin-offering for him. This is the name which the inspired writers of the New Testament give it. So Paul uses it, Titus iii. and iv. It should have been translated, “After that the kindness and *philanthropy of God our Savior* appeared.” Again, Acts xxviii. 2, “The barbarous people of the Island of Melita showed us no little philanthropy.”* “They kindled a fire for us on their Island, because of the impending rain and the cold.”

There are, indeed, many forms and demonstrations of philanthropy. For one good man another good man might presume to die. But the philanthropy of God to man incomparably transcends all other forms of philanthropy known on earth or reported from heaven.

While we were sinners, in positive and actual rebellion against our Father and our God, he freely gave up his only begotten and dearly beloved Son, as a sin-offering for us ; and laid upon him or placed to his account the sin, the aggregate sin, of the world. He became in the hand of his Father and our Father a sin-offering for us. He took upon himself, and his Father “laid upon him, the iniquity of us all.” Was ever love like this !! Angels of all ranks, spirits of all capacities, still contemplate it with increasing wonder and delight.

This, the gospel message, is commanded to be announced to all the world, to men of every nation under heaven. And this, too, with the promise of the forgiveness of sins and of a life everlasting in the heavens, to every one who will cordially accept and obey it.

This is, in brief, the gospel message. The mission and commission of the Lord Jesus Christ gave birth and being to all evangelical missionary Institutions. Not based on this, they are wholly worthless. But based on this, they are under the shield and auspices of the Lord God Almighty.

In this age of denominationalisms, we have denominational theories,

* So we have always translated this term, in this passage.

feelings, sympathies, operations and co-operations. All these are, more or less, refined forms of selfishness. And pray, what is selfishness? The insulation or the isolation of our views, feelings, motives, interests, actions; having, as the chief end and object of life, our own individual ease, honor, dignity, glory, happiness. This is a highly civilized, aggrandized, glorified selfishness. But there is in it not one element of magnanimity, nobility or philanthropy. In the sight of God it is sheer selfishness, without the semblance of either piety or humanity, in their legitimate currency and import.

We have much shallow thinking and reasoning upon this subject, popularized, too, in our would-be thought most philosophic and refined circles. The truth is, if love blinds the eyes of its subject, self-love, more than any other passion, effectually blinds the mere worldling. He never sees himself at the true and proper angle of vision. Without piety and humanity, there is, in fact, no true, real, appreciable magnanimity. The gospel, and the gospel alone, can make the true gentleman. I do not say the *genteelman*. The *gentleman*, properly understood, must always be a Christian. The *genteelman* may be any thing—a Turk, a Jew, an infidel, a libertine. But the philanthropist, the true philanthropist, must be a *Christian* in all respects, not merely a gentleman or a genteelman, but a Christian, such as those who at Antioch first received the name.

We are met here, not as the Episcopal, the Presbyterian, the Congregational, the Methodist, or the Baptist Missionary Society, but the *Christian* Missionary Society. The Lord's prime missionaries were properly called *Apostles*. They were educated, trained, and commissioned by himself in person. They had seven points peculiarly differential from all other functionaries. These were—

1. They should have seen and heard and known the Lord Jesus Christ himself in person.

2. They should have been immediately called and chosen to that office by himself.

3. Infallible inspiration was an essential requisite to the exercise of that office.

4. The power of working miracles was an indispensable qualification to the full discharge of the duties of that office.

5. To them was specially given the power of imparting spiritual gifts and miraculous powers to others.

6. Their mission was universal—the whole world was the field of their operations.

7. They exercised, while they lived, a superintendence over all the churches planted by their instrumentality; and their authority was paramount to all other functionaries.

They were, to speak in modern style, ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ; and received their commission from himself in person.

They could not, therefore, themselves, by any possibility, impart or transfer their office to others.

We have now, therefore, but three official personages in the Christian church. These are evangelists, pastors or bishops, and deacons.

But the crowning argument of the missionary cause has not yet been formally presented. Indeed, it antedates time. Angels, one and all, as already indicated, are celestial missionaries, sent forth, on great emergencies, to minister to the royal and divine family—the heirs of salvation.

On laying the foundations of the material universe, they were in attendance. They were spectators of the whole scene. They were, too, so exhilarated with its awful and glorious grandeur, that they burst forth in ecstasies. Indeed, “the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.”

In our fallen and alienated world, their visits, indeed, are “few and far between.” But that they have been, and are still, employed in multitudes of occasions, the volumes of revelation most satisfactorily indicate. “Are they not, indeed,” says the Holy Spirit, “all ministering spirits, sent abroad” to attend, or wait upon, the heirs of salvation? There are, according to our computation, in actual service, at all times, more than twelve legions of angels, amounting at least to seventy-two thousand. This doubtless is but a medium computation. Yet any one of these could, in a moment of time, visit every family in Egypt, and without an error or a mistake, slay the first born male child; and not only these, but the first born of every species of animal on hand, without making a single mistake. May we not join the chorus, and exclaim, “Praise him, you angels that excel in strength!” Compared with all other missionaries, they are transcendently superlative.

Daniel's visions more than realize all our conceptions of the innumerable hosts of heaven. In one of them he saw “a fiery stream issuing before the Ancient of days, and thousand thousands ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand standing before him,” and all this in a single crisis, on a single occasion, and that not the final judgment.

The missions of this universe incomparably transcend all human conception; and still more incomprehensible and inappreciable are the missionaries requisite to the completion and perfection of these missions.

A Christian community without missions and missionaries would, indeed, be a solecism in creation, and a gross deviation from the order, the economy, and the government of the universe.

And when we gravely ponder upon the magnificence of the empire of the Author and Founder of the Christian kingdom, and its august Sovereign, too, the Lord our King, and his resources as Monarch of all creation—Lord of all instrumentalities, possessing all authority in the heavens above us, under us, and around us; and in the still small voice of his claims asking our aid and co-operation with him, honoring us with a compartnery with himself in the riches and the glories and the honors of his august position, and his boundless empire of true riches, true honors, true dignities, true grandeur and magnificence of

glory—in sitting down with him on his throne and participating with him in the glory, the honor, and the immortality of his everlasting empire—I ask, shall we, will we, dare we, withhold from him our cordial aid, our liberal contributions, out of the abundance of all good things which he has, in his magnificent liberality, conferred upon us? Let your response, my beloved brethren, be to Him, and not to me, your humble brother.

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All communications or remittances of money intended for the Missionary Board, should be addressed to D. S. BURNET, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Periodicals, minutes of State conventions, or other records of public, religious and benevolent institutions, in all parts of the world, are especially desired.

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Rare books will be thankfully received, as the nucleus of a missionary library.

Missionaries and Agents are required to make monthly reports to the Corresponding Secretary. All Agents and Missionaries appointed by the Board will receive certificates of their appointment, signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

Any annual member, or member for life, or life director, or contributor to our funds, who shall fail to receive the Annual Report by January 1st of each year, will have it mailed to him upon application.

It is particularly desired that all monies due the Society be sent in as soon as possible, as we could employ more than ten times our present resources in the Home field alone.

It is desirable that the Missionary Society have files of all our periodicals. Will the several editors send each their several sheets to D. S. BURNET for that purpose ?

Will all our periodicals please insert the above circular, and subserve the interests of the cause thereby ?

Extracts from the Constitution.

ART. II.—The object of this Society shall be to disseminate the Gospel in this and in other lands.

ART. III.—Every Christian church, and all associations of churches, co-operating with this Society, by contribution to its funds, shall be entitled to representation equally at the annual meetings.

ART. IV.—Every person, paying one dollar, shall be a member for one year ; every person, paying twenty-five dollars, shall be a member for life ; and every person, paying one hundred dollars, shall be a director for life.

ART. IX.—All contributions, given for any specified object, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donor or his lawful agent.

ART. XI.—All the officers, managers, missionaries or agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in their respective churches.

ART. XIII.—The annual meeting shall be held in Cincinnati on the Tuesday after the third Lord's day in October, or at such other time as shall have been designated by a previous annual meeting.